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Ambulance Vote Nov. 6

By Stan Hall

Voters in the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District will be asked in November to approve a special tax of $75 per year per single family home to continue "no-fee to the victim" emergency ambulance service.

Larry Busick, president of the district's board of directors, said the decision was unanimous to seek approval for the creation of a benefit assessment district and a yearly tax higher than any discussed publicly before.

"I honestly believe that over a period of time, it will prove to be the best deal for people," Busick said of the proposal which will be on the Nov. 6 ballot as Measure P.

He said the $75 a year figure was selected to ensure that the district does not have to go back to the voters in a few years to raise additional money to fund no-fee ambulances. At $75 a year, the measure would raise $153,000 annually. The highest tax figure discussed previously was $44 a year for a single family home, which would have raised $90,000 a year.

"In effect, what we're proposing is an insurance policy." Busick said. "The assessment will cost $750 over 10 years. You balance that against a possible ambulance charge that could be $500-$800, but which will also surely go up—what, 50 percent?—within the next five years. Our hope and our belief is that we can keep from raising our rates."

In discussing the board's decision, Busick reiterated a concern that a number

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BOY MEETS PUPPY at the Fiesta. One of the most popular booths at the Fiesta was the SPCA where puppies were shown for adoption. Here a young visitor reaches out to hold one of them. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Schools Open Amid Financial Uncertainty

By Carolyn Rice

When Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) opens its doors to some 2,200 students for the 1990-91 session Sept. 4, it faces more than its usual financial problems.

A bill introduced by Sen. Ken Maddy—whose rambling 14th district includes part of the CUSD—would allow the county auditor to charge school and special districts for assessing, collecting and recording Monterey County property taxes, if he chooses. The bill makes it mandatory to charge cities for the service.

In the case of the Carmel schools, it would cost them $184,000 should the auditor choose to collect.

Declaring "I'm livid," Superintendent Robert F. Infelise said he felt the bill was "snuck through" as the governor and state legislature engaged in a long and bitter stalemate over a 1990-'91 budget.

He and other officials complained that the state was trying to deal with its budget problems by pushing them down onto the counties and local agencies. "This will pit local agencies against each other," Infelise said.

Jack Skillicorn, Monterey county auditor-controller, did not disagree. He said he was shocked when he first heard of the bill's provisions. But he said the legislation may be reworked because there has been much protest over it. "I think you'll see a few changes in it."

Skillicorn added that his office will announce during the week of Aug. 27 whether it intends to charge schools and special districts in Monterey County.

"My understanding is that the local schools may try to stop the thing through the court if we charge them," he said. He said he would assess all schools and special districts or none of them.

"To charge some and not others would be completely out of line," Skillicorn told the *Sun*. "I think everybody should be contacting their legislator," he said.

Although Carmel is an affluent district with relatively high property values even for California, it has struggled with financial constraints since Proposition 13 was approved in 1978, limiting its taxing

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Court Upholds Service Center Approval

A state appeals court has upheld the County's approval of plans for a contractors' service center in Carmel Village, and owner Bill Parham said he could have the center open for business by February.

The 6th District Court of Appeals in San Jose affirmed a lower court decision rejecting an appeal filed on behalf of 18 Valley residents, ruling that full-blown studies of possible environmental consequences are not required before deciding that an environmental impact report (EIR) is not necessary.

Lawyers said the unanimous ruling could prove to be a landmark decision on how provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are applied in future land-use decisions, specifically the authority a county has in determining the magnitude of potential environmental impacts.

In its opinion, the three-judge court, talking about CEQA's provisions, said:

"It is.... important to consider seriously a project's potential environmental impact in its preliminary review and initial study, particularly if no further environmental consideration is likely.

"However, we are aware of no authority supporting objectors unstated premise that an initial study is inadequate unless it

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Just to Draw Two Lines on a Map

One Man's Struggle with the Planning Department

When Harry F. Casey, publisher of Casey Newspapers, Inc. in King City, set out to divide a 20-acre parcel of land to give it to his four grown children, he thought it would be a pretty simple matter.

But the effort became so frustrating that Casey wrote a four-part commentary in his chain of newspapers to describe the agony of dealing with a system overburdened with red tape and unanticipated costs.

On Jan. 23, 1989, Casey related, he picked up a "Development Project Application" and a checklist titled "Filing Procedure of Minor Subdivision."

Since then, he wrote: "It's been a nightmare, an exercise in confusion, frustration and very costly, this effort of mine to get approval of a minor subdivision in Monterey County."

"It all started for me a year ago when I decided to divide my 20-some acres in Pine Canyon west of King City into four five-acre lots so that I could give them to my children so they might build homes."

Casey brushed aside a warning from his surveyor that it was a complicated procedure. After all, he said, he had checked out the county filing fees and found they totalled $2,130 which he thought was "quite a bit...but we can live with that."

Little did he know the tab would rise to the $12,000 range, and still be climbing.

Among the startup costs were: $750 for a geological report; $250 for a property profile from the title insurance company; $350 for an archaeologist to attest that there were no Indian bones on the property; and $3,000 for soil studies and percolation tests.

"It struck me that much of the information being required must already be in county files," Casey wrote. "It's not as if Pine Canyon were some virgin area in the wilderness about which

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LETTERS

Highlands/Bixby Supported

You do your readers a disservice when you print vicious comments calculated to destroy the credibility of the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee without identifying the source of those comments as developers who are angry at the public scrutiny given them at committee meetings. (The Sun, Aug. 8.)

The public can only conclude by your biased reporting that this hard-working, dedicated group of people who have done such a good job of preserving the very neighborhood in which you live must be despised by everyone since you did not see fit to include any evidence of the widespread support actually given this committee by local communities. Enclosed is one of several recent petitions with over 80 signatures from grateful citizens who are aware of the great effort this committee makes to represent them and to see to it that county rules and regulations are applied equally to private individuals as well as developers.

It is this characteristic that inspires a small majority of developers to lash out in the press whenever they can, hopefully, to gain control and slam dunk their special interest projects through without the knowledge of those who will be most affected—you and I who live in the path of their greed.

Cliff Bagwell
Carmel Highlands

The Sun would prefer to talk to people on the record. But many people interviewed about the planning process choose to remain anonymous because they feared possible recrimination if they were identified as the source of criticism. The criticism the Sun reported of the Highlands/Bixby Committee did not come from developers.—Ed.

Homeless Cats Need Help

It has been brought to my attention that we have a serious problem in Monterey County and it needs to be taken care of now.

There are hundreds of homeless, half starved, abused, hurt, and terrified kittens and cats all over this area. They have been dumped in parking lots, shopping malls, vacant lots, abandoned houses, and every place imaginable. They are not spayed or neutered and so litters continue to be born.

A few kind souls are feeding them every day in certain areas but most areas cannot be covered by just a few people. It is expensive to feed so many plus humanely trap them, take them to a veterinarian for medical help and spaying and neutering, but a few good people are doing it. They are tamed with love, patience, warmth and hopefully they will be adopted. Adult felines are hard to find, however, but these rescuers even give them their shots.

I have seen some of these little ones and big ones in foster homes and they are beautifully cared for. Their quarters are clean, warm, and they are happy. They are given bottled water and fresh food every day in their foster homes. Those that cannot be caught in the wild are given fresh water and food every day but they are homeless, cold, and frightened.

Money, food, extra cages and homes are needed by these good people. They are overworked and they are emotionally drained by the sadness of seeing so many unhappy homeless felines. They need people to trap and feed them in Seaside, Carmel Valley, Mid-Valley, Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove, Fort Ord and the Navy Post Graduate School.

The SPCA is on overload and in debt. Doris Day is swamped and all these other unsung heroes need help too. They can't do all of it alone. I have met some of these folks and I'm proud to know them for they are caring and dedicated workers. Any help would be great appreciated. You can contact me at P.O. 792, Carmel, CA 93921.

Rev. Susan Ashley
Carmel

Indian History Questioned

Congratulations on your becoming a weekly newspaper and turning out interesting editions full of meaningful news.

However, I am much distressed to see the article by Elizabeth Barratt in your Aug. 8 issue on the Indians. Ms. Barratt either failed to consult sources or had no access to sources to consult.

There never were any "Coastanoan" Indians. The term vaguely refers to coastal *Indians of California from approximately San Francisco Bay to Lucia*; it was never a tribal name. The Indians of the lower Carmel Valley were called Rumsien, also spelled Rumsen.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the two predominant groups of Indians at Carmel Mission were the Esselen, also spelled Ensen, and the Rumsien. The territory of the "Coastanoan" Indians swept down from the lower Carmel Valley to include Carmel, the mouth of Carmel River, Point Lobos and the coast to the south. Just how far their territory swept is a matter of dispute. However, Esselen territory, which Ms. Barratt confines to the upper reaches of Carmel Valley (Tularcitos and Tassajara), swept across the Santa Lucia mountains to include the south coast from Point Sur to Lucia.

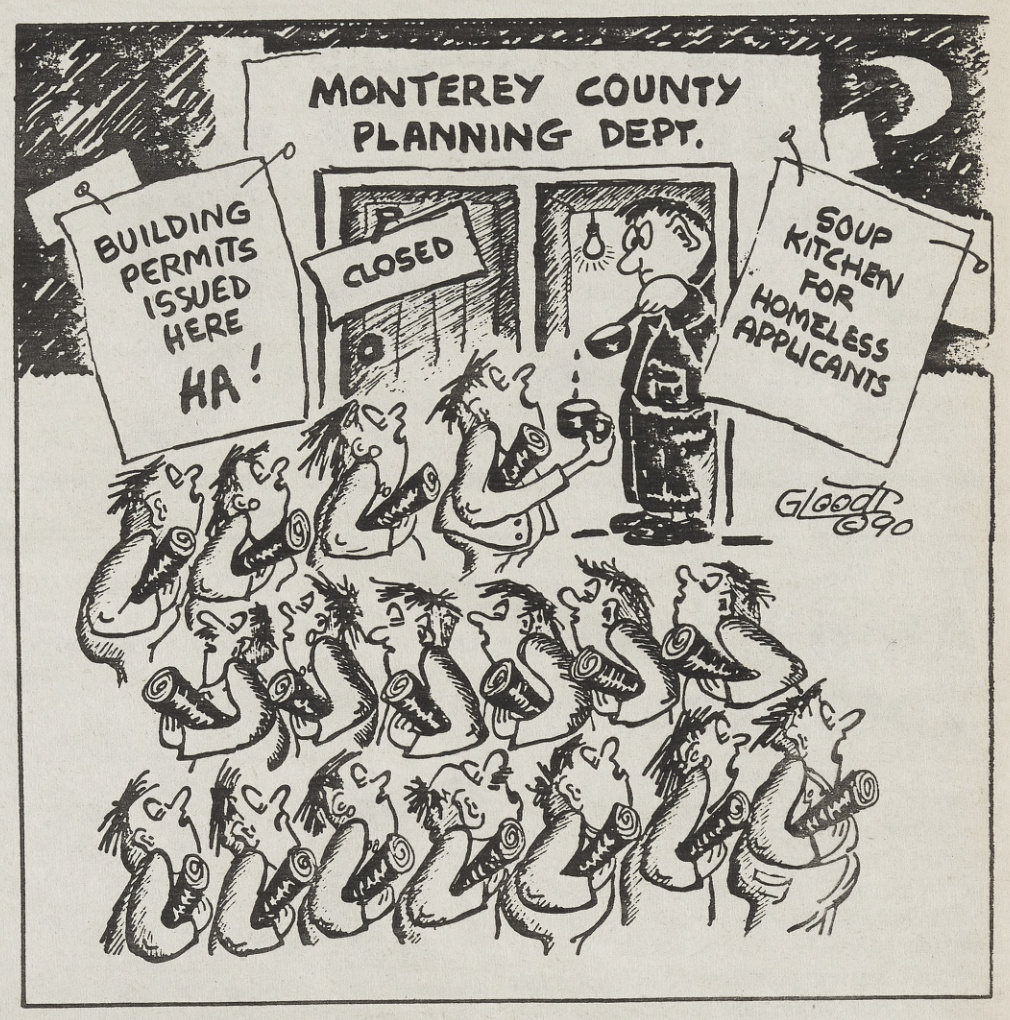
Ms. Barratt stated there was archaeological evidence of "permanent" villages in Carmel Valley going back 2,000 years. Neither the Esselen nor the Rumsen had permanent villages. They were semi-nomadic and their villages were moved periodically for sanitary reasons.

Their clothing did not consist of "woven grasses and skins." The women wore grass aprons—not woven just tied hanging from a kind of belt—and the men went stark naked except in the winter when they wore sea otter and other animal skins around their shoulders.

As for the 1770 date she gives on Monterey, the famed Gaspar de Portola expedition occurred in 1769 when he led a party of soldiers and muleteers in search of Monterey Bay. The following year, he returned and established Monterey—this time in two ships, which included the Franciscan padre Junipero Sierra and other priests.

This letter is longer than I intended it to be, but I cannot help being distressed by inaccurate accounts being given about the Indians and other aspects of local history. It is very misleading to the newcomer.

Rosalind Sharp Wall
Carmel Valley



Offended by Signs

The Community Center, under the direction of Kathleen Tarp, is to be commended for its interest in serving the community through public events, but its method of advertising in not worthy of the community which it serves.

Multi-colored, neon-like signs, advocating attendance for an event over two weeks hence, posted on telephone poles for many miles along Carmel Valley Road, jar the drivers, offend me and makes me hesitant to support a function that uses this means for publicity. Alternatives, many of them free, such as press releases and radio spots, also alert people to special festivities.

The Community Center is not alone, just currently the most obvious. Is there a committee in the Valley that could set guidelines, if not regulations, regarding the posting of signs AND the removal of signs when they no longer are pertinent?

Illia Thompson
Carmel Valley

Thanks from Jamesburg

We would like to thank the community for all the personal and business donations to the All American 4th of July Fund Raiser held at the Jamesburg School. Over $500 was raised and was divided evenly between the Jamesburg School and the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Company.

Peter and Carol Parkhurst
Jamesburg

Setting It Straight

In its Aug. 8 issue, the Sun incorrectly reported that Nick Chiulos, chief of planning services in the County Planning Department, declined to provide the Sun with a list of the prices of fees for various permits. Chiulos said that what he declined to provide was not that price list, but an list of the approximate costs of the most commonly required reports and services to support a permit application.

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Local Firefighters Heed State's Call for Help

By Carolyn Rice

When the state Office of Emergency Services (OES) calls for help battling fires, local agencies respond quickly. Paid firemen and volunteers alike drop what they're doing, leave their jobs and families and head off on what can be a dangerous assignment.

With lightning-caused fires burning out of control in many parts of the state over the Aug. 11-12 weekend—including in Yosemite National Park—people from local fire departments were called out to help.

A "strike" team made up mainly of local fire departments went to Humboldt County. These teams consist of five engines and at least three firefighters to man each engine. As part of the original strike team and subsequent relief teams, Mid Carmel Valley dispatched 8 firefighters; Carmel Valley, 11; Carmel Highlands, 6; City of Monterey, 6; and North Monterey County, 10.

The Carmel Valley Fire Department also sent a three-man team to help battle a blaze near Red Bluff.

Sidney Reade was handing out water to runners in the Carmel Valley 10 K Fiesta Run on Sunday morning when her radio crackled to life with a message to phone the Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Department ASAP. When she did, she found that she had just an hour to join a strike team headed for Humboldt County. A full-time captain at Mid Valley, she had some forewarning, since the County already had a team there and she was part of its relief. She already had a bag packed, and only had to make arrangements for the care of her young son before leaving.

Jeff Trapp, training officer at Carmel Valley Fire Department, was on the first strike team that headed for Humboldt County from this area. "We went with lights and sirens for 9 and one-half hours," Trapp said, following the state's orders for how to get to the fire.

He added, however, that they just used the sirens when necessary. The five wildland engines drove to the fire together, averaging about 65 miles per hour.

As for the Red Bluff fire, Larry Busick, Dave Chaney and Pat Dowd went manning an OES truck which is permanently loaned to Carmel Valley by the state, but which can be summoned any time.

Busick, president of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, said his group joined a force of 3,000 men, 500 trucks, 160 bulldozers "and I don't know how many choppers" to fight a 12,000-acre blaze not too far from Red Bluff in a small community known as Mineral.

Unlike the trucks in the other strike force, the OES truck is designed for protecting structures, not fighting wildland fires. Busick told the *Sun* that he did not know of any homes that were were lost in that blaze.

"Everything went fine," he said. "When the weather cooled down, we got the fire under control."

Andoni Kastros, a volunteer both for

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CV Fire District to Vote on 'No Fee" Ambulances

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of volunteer firefighters and officials have voiced since a countywide vote in 1988 mandated that paramedics rather than emergency medical technicians (EMTs) staff emergence ambulances. They worry that if volunteers no longer feel responsible for emergency medical runs, which account for about two-thirds of all calls they receive, they will eventually lose interest in being volunteers because of lack of action.

"If voters approve our plan, it will keep the volunteers working for many years," Busick forecast. "If we ever lose our ambulance service to a private entity, I'm afraid we will never get it back. And if we have to charge people for emergency medical service, I'm concerned that over the years our volunteers will lose interest in serving. It just wouldn't be the same."

He added that he was convinced that the largely volunteer Carmel Valley Fire Department could do the job less expensively and continue to respond to most medical emergencies more quickly than a private ambulance company.

Bud Hobbs, another member of the board, said that the district still felt that it could provide paramedic ambulance service for around $90,000 a year if a proposed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) goes through to create an organization of local fire departments to oversee paramedic-staffed ambulance service for the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur emergency medical service region.

But if the JPA does not become reality and Carmel Valley has to provide paramedic-staffed ambulance service on its own, the annual cost could be $153,000, at least initially, he said.

"In asking for $153,000, the district is asking citizens to trust it to use the money wisely. If we don't need it, we won't spend it. I think we have the trust and confidence of most people because of the way we have operated in the past," Hobbs told the *Sun*.

Hobbs said the higher costs associated with providing paramedic ambulances without the help of a JPA would include the need for the district to buy its own ambulance at the outset and hire its own 24-hour-a-day paramedics instead of sharing the cost with Mid Valley, as is envisioned under the JPA.

However, Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Fire Department said that if the JPA did not become a reality, he would recommend to his district board that Mid Valley and Carmel Valley work

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Official Questions County JPA Loan

County Administrative Officer Ernest K. Morishita questions whether the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) being formed to oversee paramedic-staffed ambulances in the region can qualify for a "dry period" loan it plans to seek from the County.

"Based on what I know, I'm pretty sure that only agencies which have taxing authority can get those loans from the County," Morishita told the Sun.

The JPA would oversee the introduction of paramedic-staffed ambulances in the region stretching from Big Sur to Cachagua. The official members of the JPA would be Carmel and the Carmel Valley and Mid Valley fire districts.

Morishita said a loan from the county might be arranged if those three agencies—which do have taxing authority—would assume responsibility for proportionate shares of the loan.

The JPA has said it needs to borrow about $120,000 to cover start-up costs and a projected cash-flow shortage during the first year of operation. A decision on the loan is now up to the Board of Supervisors. Morishita said he did not know as of Aug. 14 when the issue would be placed on the supervisors' agenda.

Disgruntled Member Walks Out

Highlands/Bixby Looks At 30 Percent Slope Issue

By Isabelle Hall

An attorney for a man who wants to build a house at the northwestern coastal edge of Carmel Meadows told the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee Aug. 20 the Planning Commission had acted illegally when it said 30 percent slopes include manmade as well as natural slopes.

The Planning Commission last Jan. 10 unanimously adopted a resolution titled "County Policy Clarification" which defined Monterey County slope development policy and the related slope policy exemption process "to refer to and apply to either manmade or natural slopes or landforms."

Attorney Tony Lombardo told the Highlands/Bixby committee that only the Board of Supervisors is empowered to make policy. He suggested the Planning Commission "got bad legal advice" from county staff and that the issue would have to be decided by the supervisors.

At issue is a proposal by Lombardo's client, Claude S. Keyzers of Santa Ana, to build a bilevel house on a lot on Calle La Cruz, a cul de sac that juts out on a slope on the northwest side of the oceanfront subdivision just south of Rio Road off Highway 1. The lot was covered with fill when the subdivision was built 30 years ago creating a 30-foot slope.

To the surprise of committee members, applicants and those attending the hearing at the Highlands Firehouse, Norman Channell, the member who represents the Palo Colorado area, walked out in a tiff with fellow member Barbara Rainer who represents Carmel Meadows.

The disagreement had nothing to do with Keyzers' application. Channell was upset that Rainer wanted the county to be made aware of the need for a trailer permit for a man seeking approval to build a house in Palo Colorado. The committee voted 4-1 to so advise the county with Channell dissenting.

Referring to Keyzers' application which was next on the agenda, Channell walked out, remarking, "It's in the Meadows. Right? Let Barbara look after it." With two members of the seven-member committee absent due to illness, Channell's departure still left a quorum of four.

Action on Keyzer's application for a variance to move his residence closer to the street in order to comply with the

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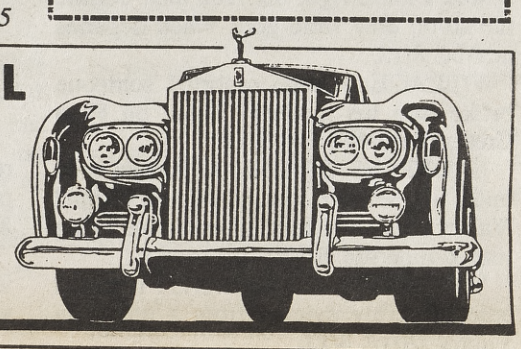

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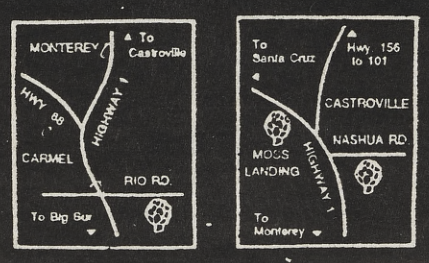

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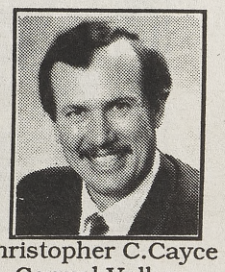
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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. A Giuseppi's Pizza employe said a man walked in off the street, threw three sugar containers on the floor, breaking them and then walked out. 8/9.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley man said his pickup was broken into while parked at Carmel Rancho Center and stereo and athletic equipment stolen. 8/10.

Mysterious Beachwalker

YANKEE POINT. A resident said he saw someone walking on the beach with a flashlight, but the person ran when he called out to him. 8/10.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley man reported he had apprehended a man trying to steal his license plate in the Barnyard Parking lot. 8/11.

CARMEL RANCHO. An employee of Silver Jones reported someone returned her purse which she had left in the Barnyard parking lot, but the money in it was gone. 8/12.

RIO ROAD. A Carmel woman reported a man removed the license plate from her car while it was parked in the Crossroads parking lot on 8/11. 8/12.

VILLAGE. A Carmel Valley man found and turned in a purse belonging to a Seaside woman at the Fiesta. 8/12.

Knife Fight

VILLAGE. A Kasey's employee reported a knife fight between men outside the store; they were gone when deputies arrived. 8/12.

VILLAGE. A man reported someone broke into his mother's home on Paso Cresta late in the day. 8/12.

LAURELES GRADE. A Carmel man and a Big Sur man were arrested at Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles for being drunk in public. 8/12.

VILLAGE. A Census worker reported being forcibly evicted from a home on Village Drive. 8/13.

VILLAGE. A man on Los Ositos complained about a barking dog; animal control was called. 8/14.

RIO ROAD. A sheriff's deputy arrested two men, aged 20 and 22, after observing them shoplifting at Safeway. 8/14.

MID VALLEY. The back door to La Flor de la Oaxaca was found open; nothing was amiss. 8/14.

RIO ROAD. Two 17-year-old San Jose youths were arrested in the Crossroads parking lot on charges they stole a Ford Bronco; the vehicle was recovered. 8/16.

CARMEL. Lincoln Greens Inn reported its sign had been stolen. 8/3.

CACHAGUA. A woman's van caught fire on Tassajara Road; it was extinguished by the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. 8/4.

VILLAGE. A woman on Los Ositos complained a crowing rooster kept waking her up. 8/6.

RIO ROAD. Two Santa Cruz men were arrested for public drunkenness in the Crossroads parking lot. 8/6.

RIO ROAD. Longs Drug Store security reported it had a shoplifter in custody. 8/6.

RIO ROAD. Longs reported it had another shoplifter in custody.

Gunshot in the Highlands

HIGHLANDS. A resident on Mentone reported hearing a gunshot near where a new well was being drilled. 8/6.

RIO ROAD. A Carmel woman reported her car was broken into while it was parked at Crossroads. 8/6.

MID VALLEY. A man reported two big spools of wire were taken from the lower parking lot of the Quail Lodge pro shop. 8/7.

VILLAGE. A man turned an injured dog over to the SPCA. 8/7.

Purses Rifled

RIO ROAD. A Carmel Valley woman reported her wallet was taken from her purse while she was shopping at Safeway. 8/8.

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MID VALLEY. A house under construction on Holt Road caught fire; the blaze was put out by Mid Valley Fire Department. The origin of the fire was considered suspicious. 8/8.

HIGHWAY 1. A Carmel Valley man was arrested when a loaded rifle was discovered in his car after he was stopped for a traffic violation. 8/8.

License Plate Stolen

RIO ROAD. A Sacramento man reported the license plate was stolen off his car while it was parked overnight at Mission Inn. 8/9.

LAURELES GRADE. Nine sinsemilla plants weighing 12 pounds and estimated to be worth $9,000 at maturity were found growing in the river bed in Garland Park. They were destroyed. 8/9.

Purse Thefts at Home

CARMEL. A woman reported someone entered her home on Mesa Court during the night and took her purse. 8/16

CARMEL. A man who lives on Mesa Drive reported someone entered his home during the night and took his wife's purse. 8/16.

CARMEL. Residents of a home on Lazarro reported someone entered their home during the night and stole a purse. 8/16.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel Valley man reported a vehicle was on fire near the Silver Jones Restaurant; the CDF put it out. 8/16.

Annual Fiesta Considered Likely

Flushed with the success of the first Carmel Valley Fiesta, organizers are talking about making the celebration of the Valley's history an annual event.

No decision has been made, but Bud McDonald, general chairman of the two-day Fiesta Aug. 11 and 12, said: "The mood is pretty positive to have it again. It went very smoothly. There were very few glitches, and most people had a good time, I think."

A decision on whether to hold the Fiesta again next year probably will be made in a couple of weeks when organizers, led by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, get together to assess how the celebration worked and how it might be improved, McDonald said.

He estimated that the Fiesta drew a total of 4,000-5,000 people, with some 2,000 attending the street dance and barbecue Saturday night.

A final accounting has not been completed, but McDonald said the Fiesta committee probably made some $7,000 to serve as seed money should the Fiesta become an annual event. "The goal never was to make money for the committee, but to provide a function at which other non-profit groups such as Kiwanis could have a chance to raise funds for their needs."

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Report on San Carlos Copter Crash May Take Eight Months to Complete

A government report on the probable cause of the helicopter crash which killed Pacific Union Chairman Peter Stocker on Rancho San Carlos may not be issued for up to eight months, said a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Head of a partnership proposing to develop the 20,000-acre ranch, Stocker was killed instantly May 12 when a helicopter flying him back to San Francisco hit electrical wires north of the main ranch house just after taking off.

A spokesman in the NTSB's regional Los Angeles office said most investigations into such accidents take 6 to 12 months to complete. He explained investigators, who typically spend 100 hours in field investigation, are swamped with work.

Once the field investigation is completed and an internal analysis of the accident completed, it is reviewed by the staff at the regional offices and in Washington as well. The final step is for the five appointed members of the board to vote and issue a brief on the probable cause of the accident.

In this case, the investigation may be easier because the pilot, Sydney Hendricks of Sausalito, survived the crash with minor injuries. Hendricks had been flying guests over the ranch in the afternoon before taking off to fly Stocker back to the Bay Area.

Pacific Union Co., bought the ranch for $70 million in February—a record real estate sale for the County—and announced plans for two golf courses, 360 residences and a 140-room conference center.

The ranch lies along much of the southern edge of Carmel Valley.

At the time of the accident, witnesses told investigators that the chopper seemed to falter as it rose from the lawn on take-off, nosed down and flew into a swale just north of the ranch house where it struck the electrical lines.

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Carmel Opens a Pandora's Box?

Carmel Vote May Trigger Building Moratorium

The Carmel City Council will go back to the voters next March to make sure it did the right thing by voting to limit houses on 4,000 square foot lots to 1,400 square feet, probably creating a moratorium on building applications during the six-month interval.

Some think putting the issue on the ballot will lift the lid on a Pandora's Box to the point where all such controversial issues will have to be decided in future by the voters, not by the elected council members chosen to make such decisions.

Mayor Jean Grace, the lone voice against putting the issue on the ballot during the Carmel Unified School District vote March 5, is adamant on the point: "We should not follow in the footsteps of our appalling general assembly which does not have the guts to decide on anything."

In the mayor's view, it's against the law to buy the vote of an elected representative but she says anyone can buy votes—in the form of multi-million dollar advertising campaigns—to influence the outcome of the initiatives and referenda for which California is becoming infamous.

The Carmel-by-the-Sea measure will actually be stated in terms of whether voters want a 40 or 45 percent Floor Area Ratio (FAR) limit on lots of 4,000 square feet which proliferate in the tiny one-mile square village. When the referendum comes back to the council— possibly in October—for approval of its exact language, it is expected to emerge in the form of a binding vote creating an ordinance that then could only be amended in the same fashion.

It will cost the city about $10,000 to hold the vote, according to Clerk Jeanne Brehmer, at a cost per registered voter of $2.35. There have been several ballot measures on local issues in the past, Brehmer said.

Floor area is defined as "the total combined area included within the surrounding exterior walls of all floors contained within all enclosed buildings." It includes finished basements, mezzanines, guesthouses, studios, garages, carports and parking pads. Forty percent of 4,000 square feet is 1,600 square feet which, with 200 square feet normally devoted to garage space, leaves 1,400 square feet for living space.

Pending the vote, the law will take effect Sept. 6. Some 57 applications in progress when the council gave the question a final reading Aug. 7 would be accepted under existing law if they can be completed by then.

It's not clear whether anyone planning to seek approval to remodel or build in the period between Sept. 6 and March 5 would go ahead considering that the new law could be reversed.

"If I were going to build a house with more than three bedrooms, I would think it would be wise to wait," said Judy Lyle, a proponent of the 45 percent FAR. "It might in effect be a semi-moratorium on building."

"I'm very disappointed," Lyle told the *Sun*. "I have real mixed feelings about how the vote will go. I have real reservations about going to the people on this. I think the people need to give their input and the city council needs to govern."

Lyle, a resident and a Realtor, said she is concerned that people who own vacation homes with plans to perhaps retire in them will be prevented from remodeling the way they had hoped if the 40 percent FAR is approved. Such non-residents may not vote in the election.

Councilwoman Barbara Brooks strongly urged the council to ask the voters to make the final decision on grounds the issue of house size had split the community.

Opponents of the reduction, however, accused the council of ignoring a petition with 830 names protesting the smaller size. Brooks said she was checking the names against the voter's list and reported that out of the first 100 she checked, 27 were not valid Carmel voters.

Organizers of the protest told the council that of the 849 signatures they gathered, 440 are residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea, 361 are out of area property owners and 44 were "neither, but are in the sphere of influence."

During the initial hearing which was held at the Carmel Women's club in July to better accommodate the large attendance, 43 persons lined up to speak on the FAR issue which is actually just one part of a comprehensive new land use code. Twenty-four of them opposed the 40 percent proposal, according to the *Sun's* count. One speaker said the council's minutes showed a 20-20 split. However, not everyone signed the record.

The women's club was only about half full for the second reading Aug. 7 when 26 people spoke. Fifteen were opposed to the 40 percent FAR, 14 in favor, and one just wanted the council "to get on with it."

THE MONTEREY COUNTY SYMPHONY'S Danish American Festival will feature the world premiere of Concertante for Flute, Bassoon and Orchestera by Danish composer Sven Erik Warner Oct. 14. Planning for the week-long festival are co-chairwomen and Danish students from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. (L. to R.) Ann Simpson, Thomas Lund, Mads Breckling, Susan Britton, Karsten Rendemann, Karren Ortenblad and Jane Roland. *Photo by S. Beth Atkin*

BLM Bans Fires On 17 Million Acres

The Bureau of Land Management suspended until further notice all burning permits and other uses of open fire on all 17 million acres in the state administered by the BLM, citing the "extreme menace of destruction by fire."

The announcement was made by State BLM Director Ed Hastey, who said he was joining the U. S. Forest Service and California Department of Forestry in taking the safety precaution.

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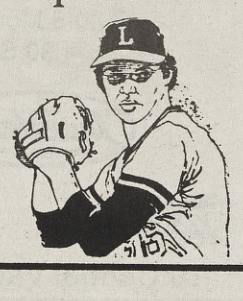

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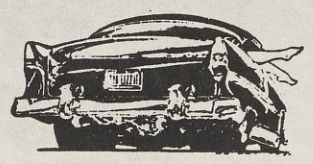

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In Highlands Case

Conditions Imposed in Tree Removal

A year after they were cut down, the County Planning Commission has issued a permit for a Highlands resident to remove 15 mature trees, but only after imposing 20 conditions toward their restoration.

The commission voted unanimously to issue the permit to Arlan Marshall, and the County sent him a copy of it on Aug. 14.

Marshall cut down the trees about a year ago on his lot overlooking the Pacific in the coastal zone just south of Highlands Inn without getting the necessary permit. Neighbors said he acknowledged to them that he wanted to improve the view from his home, which had been on the market for some time without selling.

Neighbors have said they believe Marshall should be subject to stiffer penalties—including fines—to show others that rules which require a permit before trees can be cut down in the area are enforced.

Morgan Taylor, an assistant district attorney, told the *Sun* he planned to review the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission before deciding whether any additional action was justified.

One of the 20 conditions on the permit requires Marshall to plant three times as many trees as he destroyed. Another specifies that of the 45 Monterey pines that must be planted, one-fifth of them, or nine trees, must be in 15-gallon containers. The other trees must be in 5-gallon containers.

In addition, the permit requires Marshall to place a number of deed restrictions on the property. They include notices that the property is in a high fire hazard area, another specifies that a forest management plan is in effect governing any future removal of trees, and a third must notify people that a biological report has been prepared for the property and any work must follow its recommendations.

The permit also requires Marshall to pay for a monitoring plan for the property and a fourth deed restriction must stipulate it is in place.

The permit goes into great detail on how replacement trees should be planted, watered and maintained.

"The forester states that the tree removal had a significant impact to the viewshed," the Planning Commission said. It added that the forester determined that seven of the pines were dead when cut, one was dying and five were alive.

The hillside lot can be seen from Highway 1, and the permit also requires that restoration comply with existing County erosion control guidelines.

Marshall will be required to kill all pampas grass, genista/French broom, and albizia saplings that may be on the property. He also is prohibited from using blue gum, acacia, genista, pampas grass or ice plant in future landscaping. Emotions in the exclusive Highlands neighborhood are running so high that Planning Commissioner Mo Orrett stressed to the *Sun* that the commission has no police powers and any effort to collect fines must be initiated by the district attorney's office.

While Taylor said he wanted to review the permit's conditions before making a final decision on the disposition of the case, he suggested that the conditions could require more of Marshall than any civil penalties he could seek.

He told the *Sun* that he could not seek stiff fines similar to those being sought against Arizona attorney John A. Murphy for illegal grading because the county could not show that Marshall took the illegal action while pursuing his "business interests."

The commission also noted that trees on property adjacent to Marshall's which were severely trimmed must be monitored by the horticultural/arborist hired to oversee the monitoring plan for replacing trees. If neighbors' trees "do not survive the branch removal," the Planning Department must be notified, the commission said.

MIRA Names Carmel Man as New Director

Thomas J. Logan, an avid amateur astronomer, has been named administrator of the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA), Dr. Bruce Weaver, President, announced.

Logan succeeds Dr. Hazel E. Ross, an astronomer who has accepted a teaching position in the Mathematics Department at Monterey Peninsula College this fall. Dr. Ross was a founder of MIRA and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as treasurer.

Logan, who lives in Carmel, was directory of the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art in the early '80's and was an associate curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He said he was very entrhusiastic about joining MIRA, the only privately funded observatory started in the U.S. this century.

SMOKE SHROUDS Humboldt County hills as firefighters from around the state gather to battle the flames. About 40 local firefighters helped fight blazes outside the area over the Aug. 11-12 weekend. *Photo courtesy of Brian Smith*

Firefighters Answer the Call

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Carmel and Mid Carmel Valley, was attending a class at the Carmel Highlands when he heard about the request for aid at the Humboldt fire. "I hurried out to Mid Valley to see if I could go," Kastros said.

"It can be a once in a lifetime thing," said this 21-year-old who plans to attend Sacramento State this fall to prepare for a fire service career.

Once in Humboldt County, the team spent its first day in a staging area where it was incredibly smoky, Kastros said.

"You couldn't see from here to that building," he said, pointing across the street to a nearby school. That night they traveled an hour up a dusty, mountain road to the fire. "Our responsibility was to keep the fire 200 feet from the bulldozer road," Kastros said. They put out fires in trees and bushes doing what is called "mop up" to keep the fire away from the firebreak road.

Part of the strike team was paid fire personnel and part was volunteers. All those who responded will be paid for their time, and when a department sends its own trucks, it is paid for that, too, under a complicated state formula.

Rick Scott, captain at Carmel Highlands, was supposed to pick up a cousin at the San Francisco Airport when the call went out on the Humboldt fire, but instead went out with the strike team. "I keep a bag packed at all times," he said. He said his wife "has been with me the 17 years I've been in the fire service, so she's kind of used to it."

Trapp said the crews that went from Carmel Valley would have been harder to gather together if school had been in session because three of their members either teach or work for school districts. Volunteers from the other departments work at a real estate agency, insurance agency, golf resort, nursery, grocery store, for hotels, and other places.

Brian Smith went with the first team from Mid Valley and then came back to his job as financial controller at the Carmel Valley Ranch Resort. When the Sun tried to contact him, he had gone out again with the third team that Mid Valley sent to Humboldt. Kathy Wiese, who works in his department, said that "this week his absence was no problem," but said at other times of the month it would be harder to operate without him.

The state master mutual aid law mandates that departments provide strike teams when the state requests them.

"So when they ask, we go," said Gary Carmichael, chief at Mid Valley. The only time a department wouldn't respond is if it had a fire or other emergency in its own territory, he said.

Crews stay at the fire different lengths of time depending on their departments' policy on sending relief. Busick and his team were at Red Bluff from Monday until Friday. Normally, they would have been relieved, but with the fire coming under control, they thought they might come home a day earlier than they did.

Despite the disruption in their lives and the possible danger, most firemen look forward to serving on a strike team.

"Oh, yes, I enjoy them," Scott said. "If you're a career firefighter that's the big thing—for experience if nothing else."

Trapp echoed that sentiment. "It's a good experience. It's something we don't normally have within our own district, so it helps us be prepared in case we ever get anything like this."

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Astronomical Events Aug. 22-Sept. 27

Fri 24—Comet Levy, discovered last May, will pass closest to Earth. This weekend will be the best time to look for it (with good binoculars or a small telescope), because it can be seen at the beginning of the night in a moonless sky. On the 24th, it passes near the star Theta Aquila, which is the star next to the "A" of "AQUILA" on the map. Then it moves toward the southwest, entering the north part of Sagittarius in the first days of September. The September issue of *Sky & Telescope* shows the approximate path of the comet for August and September.

Tue 28—First quarter moon.

Tue 4—Full Moon. In September, the Full Moon is called the Fruit Moon.

Tue 11—Last Quarter Moon.

Sun 16—The Sun enters the constellation Virgo.

Tue 18—New Moon.

Sat 22—11:55 p.m. Autumnal equinox, start of autumn. From now until March 21, the Sun will appear to travel in the southern celestial hemisphere.

Wed 26—Moon at First Quarter. 11 p.m.: The Moon passes 2 degrees south of Uranus.

Planets Visible Between Aug.22-Sept.27

Mercury is not visible early in the month. In the morning of Sept. 15, about 45 minutes before sunrise, it will pass about 3 degrees south of Venus, very close to the eastern horizon. Look for it with binoculars. Then it moves higher in the sky, with the bright star Regulus (in the constellation Leo) about 11 degrees above it. The best morning view for this year happens on Aug. 24, when it will be about 18 degrees west of the Sun.

Venus rises shortly after morning twilight, it will be low in the eastern sky. On Sept. 7, it is about one degree north of Regulus. Venus will be rising later every day, until it disappears from sight at the end of the month.

Mars rises around 11 p.m. at the beginning of September, and around 10 p.m. at the end, shining all night long. It is in the constellation Taurus, between the bright star Aldebaran and the Pleiades (see the sky map of the March 7 issue of the Sun). On Monday the 24th at midnight, Mars passes 4 degrees north of Aldebaran.

Jupiter rises near 3 a.m. early in September, and by 2 a.m. in late September, when it will pass by the southern edge of the Beehive (or Praesepe) star cluster, in the constellation Cancer (see any of the sky maps between March and May). This view is worth seeing with binoculars or a small telescope. In the morning sky, Jupiter is at the upper right of Venus, about 40 degrees above the eastern horizon. On the night of the 14th, it passes 0.3 degrees north of the Moon.

Saturn shines bright and yellow in the southern sky in eastern Sagittarius, and sets around midnight. Its rings are tilted 24 degrees to our line of sight; such an open tilt won't happen again for another 10 years. Don't miss the chance to look at them with your telescope!

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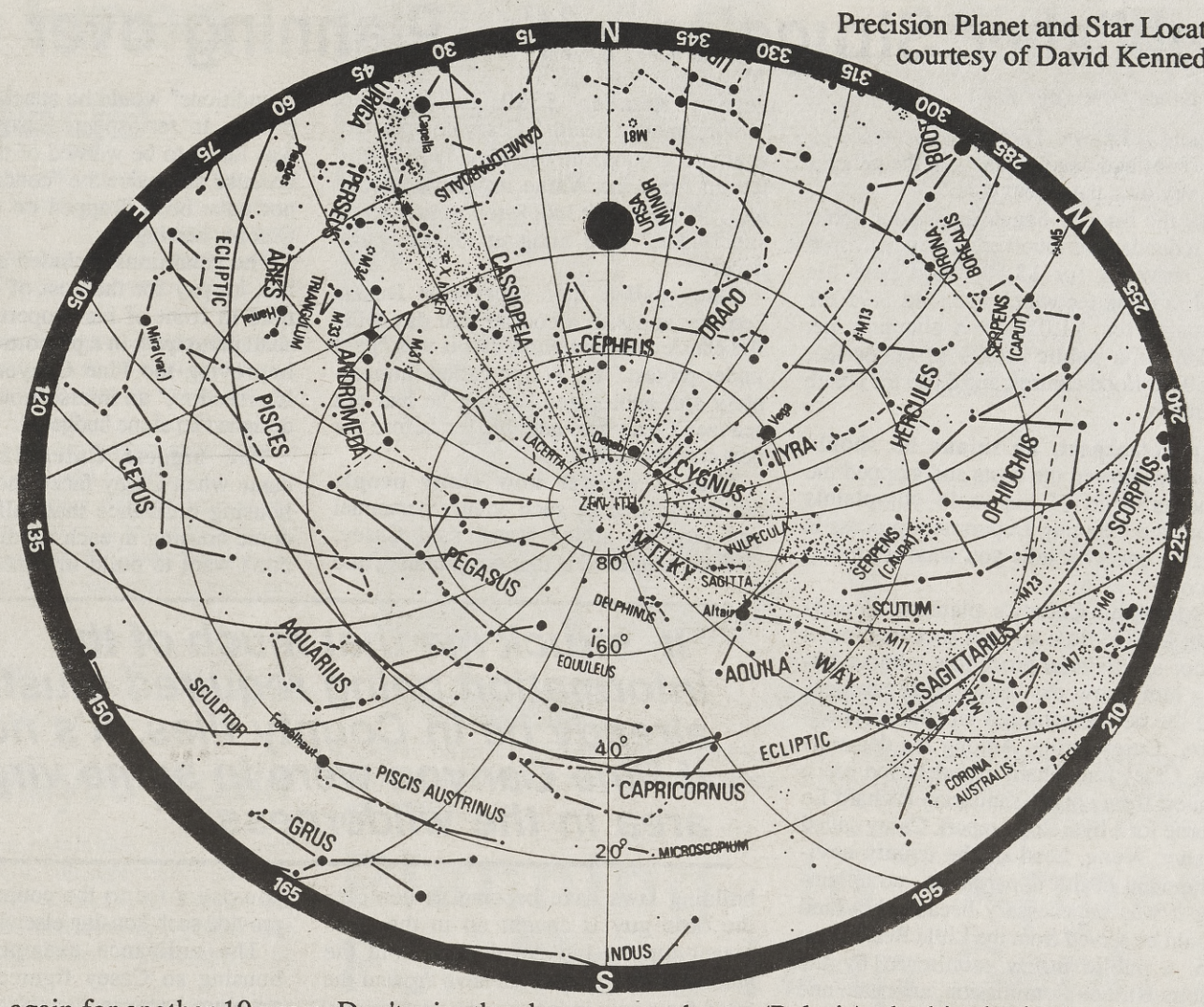

Remarks about Comets

Comets are giant snowballs that revolve around the Sun in highly elliptical orbits. When they come close to the Sun, the outer layers evaporate and form a tail. Their orbits can be predicted after several nights of observing their position move against the background stars. Their brightness at closest approach to Earth can be estimated by recording how much they brighten since the time of discovery, by seeing whether a tail develops and how far it happens from the Sun, and by knowing how close it will fly by the Earth and by the Sun. The uncertainties in all these facts can lead to a wrong prediction of the comet's brightness. Around Aug. 24, Comet Levy is supposed to be bright enough to be seen with the naked eye. This prediction is based on the fact that its nucleus was well formed and it had a tail soon after discovery. So far, it has lived up to its expectations.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

This is a map of the sky for September between 9 and 10 p.m. for latitude 35 degrees. Hold the map over your head, with N (north) pointing to your north. This way, you will be pointing to the north star (Polaris), the big dot in the top center of the map. Now the map looks like the sky and you can find your way around! East and west are inverted on the map, but when the map is over your head, they are in the right direction.

It's better to shine a red flashlight on the map so that you don't ruin your night vision; just cover your flashlight with red cellophane or tissue paper. With a little practice, you'll be able to read the map and find the objects in the sky without having the map overhead. The biggest dots on the map are the brightest stars, except for the north star, which is about as bright as the stars in the body of the Big Dipper (Ursa Major). The shaded area shows the Milky Way. Objects other than stars are better seen with binoculars, try seeing as many as you can. These are represented by a small dotted circle and designated with an M followed by number. A lot of them are found in Sagittarius because that is the direction of the center of our Galaxy.

MIRA Tours Continue Through October

The Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA) program of free tours at the Oliver Observing Station on Chew's Ridge in Cachagua will be conducted Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 375-3220 to make a reservation and to obtain a map.

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Publisher Struggles with Planning over Minor Subdivision

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nothing is known. There have been scores of homes and developments in the general vicinity over the recent past."

By the time he began to wonder about the redundancies involved, Casey had hired the surveyor for $3,500, and paid his $2,130 filing fee which included $175 for a zoning fee; $1,035 for a planning fee; $650 for a public works surveyor fee; $150 for flood control; and $120 for health planning.

In retrospect, he thinks he should have swallowed the costs and stopped the process. One of his main complaints about the Planning Department process is that no one ever tells you what it's going to cost.

"Monterey County's planning department lets the little guy get suckered into a minor subdivision procedure without letting him know the heavy costs he faces and the bewildering red tape he must endure," Casey wrote. Among the demands that Casey found hard to understand was a request from county sanitarian Richard Le Warne for a hydrology report. Casey called Walter Wong, head of the county environmental health department, complaining it was unnecessary because his land would be served from the Little Bear Water Co, a public utility monitored by the Public Utilties Commission, and state and county health authorities. But it was all to no avail.

At a cost of $880, Casey had a hydrology report prepared with information totally obtained from data *already on file with the health department*. Then he was told to get a "nitrate loading report" and did so in the same fashion.

But Le Warne still wasn't satisfied and advised Casey Aug. 24, 1989, that he would not move on the application until getting another $380 in fees to "environmental health." Casey complained again on grounds he had already paid this fee up front. Le Warne insisted and told him, "If you don't like it tell your county supervisor," then hung up on the publisher.

Casey called then-supervisor Dusan Petrovic and sent a courier that day with the check and a notation that it was "paid under protest." Le Warne called immediately and apologized, saying he had not realized Casey had paid his fee before the new cost was added.

"But, I wonder how many people are intimidated by such county personnel and pay the added fees," said Casey. "What's happened is that our planning and building laws have become so complex the little guy is caught up in the rules meant for the big developers...And the studies and requirements have created the need for a new industry—the professional soil engineers, hydrologists and other consultants who, for a whopping fee, compile the already existing information and make it part of your file. In some cases all one needs is a degree and a word processor."

"It struck me that much of the information being required must already be in County files. It's not as if Pine Canyon were in some virgin area in the wilderness..."

Unaware of all this at the time, Casey plugged ahead until one day three months after his application was submitted the designated planner, Ingo Flemming, visited the site and mentioned that "conditions" would be attached to any approval. In retrospect, Casey thought he was lucky to be warned of this in August because otherwise the "conditions" would not have been dropped on him until his October hearing.

The conditions included a requirement that he pay for the cost of widening the road in front of his property and "that I shall participate in a proportionate share of improving the Pine Canyon/Jolon Road intersection," an intersection not yet even designed let alone budgeted.

The biggest Catch-22, however, came when Casey faced the inclusionary housing ordinance that calls for low-income housing in each subdivision. If you don't want to build low-income housing, you pay a fee to the county so they can provide such housing elsewhere.

The ordinance exempts owner-built housing so Casey figured that was no problem because his children were just going to build homes for themselves.

The catch came when the county told him that as Casey owned the land to be subdivided—not his children— he fell under the ordinance and the fee could not be waived.

The inclusionary housing fee is based on the number of lots in a subdivision times a percentage of the cost of the median home in the planning area. Casey would have been assessed $4,770. (In a postscript, he wrote that this exchange was typical of misinformation given out by various planning personnel because he subsequently was informed that the median cost of a house on which the fee was based had doubled in the past six months in South County and so the fee would be double.)

Only by deeding his children each an interest in the entire parcel prior to his application being heard was he able to make them qualify as the owners.

"After the process is complete we'll have to untangle the mess to get proper deeds to individual property," he wrote.

Fortunately, legal fees didn't amount to as much as the inclusionary housing fee would have cost. By now his costs totalled $12,000.

Ten months after he had first submitted a thick package of information and all the reports he was told were required, he was given a hearing Oct. 12, 1989.

"It usually takes longer," Casey wrote. "Please keep in mind that all I wanted was to have two lines drawn on a map. I'd made no application to build anything."

Casey was hit with another surprise at the hearing when the county set a new condition at the order of the parks department. It said he must comply with a section of the subdivision ordinance requiring that a recreation area be set aside on the family land or else he would have to pay an in-lieu fee based on land value with the fee going to support county parks.

"Another example of extortion!" Casey complained. "They couldn't tell me what it would cost....But I had to accept the condition on the spot or see my project further delayed."

The last straw, however, was when he was told he would get final approval only if he signed a waiver of his rights to sue the county in any action that might be brought as a result of the permit.

"The county let me get involved, committed and spend considerable money before I knew the entire cost," Casey wrote. "I wouldn't have even started this project had I known the bottom line. After all, I only want to give the land away."

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Scout Executive Fined In Little Sur Damage

A paid adult Scout executive has been placed on probation, fined $580 and ordered to do 50 hours of community service for illegally grading a swimming hole on the Little Sur River at Pico Blanco Camp and destroying steelhead spawning habitat.

Robert M. Lambert, 47, of Salinas was sentenced in Municipal Court after he declined to contest the misdemeanor charges against him.

"I could have gone to trial, but I didn't think it was worth it," Lambert told the Sun. He suggested others would have been implicated in the April 26 incident at the Scout camp at the head of Palo Colorado Canyon if he had contested the charges.

"If it had meant my job, I'd have gone for a trial jury," Lambert added, "But I chose to protect the 2,000 (adult) volunteers in the council."

Lambert was charged with being responsible for grading silt from behind a dam that the Scouts have put in place on the Little Sur for years to create a deep pool for swimming during summer without getting the proper permits to do the work.

The complaint against him said he also dumped the silt where at least some of it fell into the river below the dam, damaging steelhead habitat.

Lambert could have been sentenced to up to a year in jail and fined $1,000.

"They were right, I did not have a permit," Lambert said, but he added that he telephoned the Fish & Game Service before doing the work and after it was completed.

"I think we've all learned a lesson from this," Lambert said, adding that the publicity had been difficult for him, his wife and his children.

A CONTINGENT FROM THE IRON KETTLE, led by owner Donna Hamilton , her daughter, De Cabral, and granddaughter, Angel Cabral, added a light touch to the Fiesta parade.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Title 21 Report May Be Delayed Again

Already delayed once, a citizens' advisory committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Title 21, a new countywide zoning ordinance, may be put off again.

Ileene Crane-Franks, a real estate broker from Cachagua, is one of the members of the group arguing that more time is needed for the committee to analyze the proposed ordinance fully.

"The Planning Department staff had it for a year and a Planning Commission subcommittee had it for 18 months," she said. "I don't see how we can be expected to complete our review in a couple of months and do a thorough job."

Supervisors created the 15-member advisory committee in June when a storm of criticism greeted Title 21, with farmers and ranchers being the most vocal opponents of the new ordinance. They generally felt that it imposed too many rules and regulations on their operations, while other opposition came from residents in more populous areas who felt the county did not go far enough to control development.

Initially, the committee was supposed to report back to the supervisors on Sept. 4, but it won an extension to Oct. 16, and now members such as Crane-Franks say even more time is needed to complete the analysis.

"We're not simply comparing Title 21 with Title 20," a much amended zoning ordinance that was originally written in the mid-1950s. "We're examining Title 21 in light of all the requirements that must be taken into consideration, the general plan, area plans, special flood control or health department needs and the County departments' operating procedures."

She said she felt that unless the analysis were done thoroughly and the committee's recommendations essentially adopted by the supervisors, "our time and work will have been wasted, and we could have just as much public criticism as before."

Citing experiences of other advisory groups such as those for the Cachagua area plan and the Village mini-plan which felt their recommendations had been altered or ignored, she expressed the hope that supervisors consider the group's recommendations carefully.

Planning to Appeal For More Help Sept. 5

Director Robert J. Slimmon, Jr., will take his appeal for 15 additional positions for his beleaguered Planning Department to the Board of Supervisors Sept. 5 armed with expressions of support from some of the people he has served.

Given the budgetary cuts and uncertainty caused by the state legislature's budget decisions, Slimmon is likely to need all the support he can muster.

Slimmon wrote to 53 citizens knowledgeable about his department in July after his request for 15 additional people was rejected by County Administrative Officer Ernest K. Morishita. Under existing procedures, Slimmon will appeal that denial to the board in the supervisors' chambers from 9 a.m. to noon, asking that the 15 positions be returned to his 1990-'91 budget.

"I would appreciate your support...by your attendance, or if that is not possible, a letter to the board members," Slimmon wrote.

Burdened by an increasing workload, the Planning Department has been plagued with a backlog of applications, a high turnover rate and burnout among staff members.

Nick Chiulos, director of planning services, told the *Sun* that about half of the people that Slimmon wrote had written back with general expressions of support. The letter also will likely cause some people to attend the hearing to support Slimmon's request, he said.

Morishita told the Sun that Slimmon's appeal will surely be more difficult to sell to the supervisors because of the disarray in state and County financial circles resulting from cutbacks in state payments to counties, especially for some social services.

Morishita said none of the income for the Planning Department is received from the state. Planning is financed from the general fund and by the fees for permits and approvals.

If the supervisors agree that Slimmon's department needs more help and no money is available to fund it, Morishita said the board could decide to raise its fee schedule for the Planning and Building Department.

Slimmon proposed a new budget totaling $4.7 million, some $500,000 more than approved by Morishita.

Supervisors originally were scheduled to hear budget appeals on July 24, but the hearing was delayed when the legislature and Gov. George Deukmajian struggled for several weeks before agreeing on a state budget.

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Business Briefs

Dean and Jossie Diaz, owners of the popular **Plaza Linda Restaurant** on Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley Village, have joined forces with their close friends, **Henning and Mary Alice Erben**, owners of the **Taqueria del Mer** in New Monterey, to expand to Santa Cruz. The two families will open **Taqueria Pacifico** about Sept. 10 on the U.C. Santa Cruz campus. Their sons, **Robert Diaz** and **Chris Erben,** will operate the new takeout restaurant which will specialize in Mexican fish, chicken, beef and veggies. However, Dean Diaz says he plans to spend about three days a week there. An accomplished artist, he told The *Sun* hopes to sneak in some art classes while on campus.

Harriet Mayland of the new **SPCA Benefit Shop** on Carmel Valley Road in the Village says thank you for the great reception her plea in The *Sun* received for round clothes racks. Now, she says, their big need is for volunteers.

Rose Wood has changed the name of her two-year-old business from Home Safe Sitting Services to **Pets at Home Sitting Service.** She said the new name for the Carmel-based business which operates throughout the County more accurately reflects the nature of her operation.

The **1990 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament** raised $1 million for local charities. Since the tournament moved to Pebble Beach in 1947, it has raised more than $10.5 million. The 1991 tourney will be Jan. 28-Feb. 3.

KPUP, an AM stereo radio station with studios in Salinas, will add FM operation starting in September. KPUP AM is a country station, and general manager **Jerry Collins** said research is nearly completed to decide the FM station's format. The new FM signal will be at 104.3 on the dial.

The Professional Women's Network is accepting applications for the $1,000 **Grace Darcy Scholarship** to be given to a peninsula woman who is reentering the workplace. The deadline is Aug. 31, and applications may be obtained by writing the network at P. O. Box 222502, Carmel, Calif., 93922, or calling 646-0796

Masters of Food and Wine, the ultra-gourmet event hosted by **Highlands Inn** every year, has snagged **Paul Bocuse** for its 1991 three-day event next winter. Considered the premier living chef by many of his peers, Bocuse was apprenticed to the legendary chef Fernand Point before opening his own restaurant in the Lyons area. The master French chef conducts international cooking tours and is the author of *Paul Bocuse's French Cooking*, an encyclopedic volume that contains 75 recipes just for eggs plus 23 ways to prepare chicken.

THE HISTORIC "LITTLE BLUE COTTAGE" at White Oak Plaza in Carmel Valley Village is the new office of Dr. Maurice Corbett, who will open his orthodontic practice Aug. 23. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Cachagua Mutual Water Company Owner Accused of Securities Fraud

After months of complaints and investigation, the County has brought charges against the owner of a Cachagua mutual water company—accusing him with selling securities without the necessary state license.

Lydia Villarreal of the district attorney's office said Donald Gates was arraigned in Municipal Court in Salinas on Aug. 20 on five felony counts of selling shares in the Cachagua Mutual Water Co., Inc., without a license.

Gates was freed on his own recognizance pending another court appearance on Aug. 28 when his attorneys are expected to argue that any charges should be brought against the corporation owning the water company, not Gates as an individual.

The complaint by the district attorney's office resulted from one of two County investigations into the operation of the water company. The other is being pressed by the County Health Department which revoked the water company's permit in February in an effort to force Gates to meet standards of operation established by the County.

Residents of the area, a new development on part of the old Featherbow Ranch, have complained of frequent disruptions in water delivery and uneven quality for several months.

Ms. Villarreal said the district attorney brought securities fraud charges after confirming with the state that Gates should have been licensed to sell shares in the water company but was not. She told the Sun that Gates once had applied for a license but did not follow through and complete it.

"He sold interests in the water company and wasn't licensed to sell securities, and he did it fraudulently, promising to deliver water he didn't really have," she said.

"The dispute is that he has sold more (water) hookups than he had water to serve," she said. The County reportedly has said that Gates has authority to sell only 12 hookups, but that he claims he has been authorized for 18.

If convicted on the five fraud counts, Gates could face a maximum penalty of $10,000 fine and 10 years in jail on each of them.

The Sun was unsuccessful in trying to reach Gates or his son, Ron, who is said to run the water company on a day-to-day basis.

Holt Ranch Appeal Set for Sept. 11

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled an appeal Sept. 11 against the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of the Holt Ranch subdivision in Carmel Valley.

The board which had originally scheduled the hearing on Sept.18 has set aside 60 minutes to hear the appeal by Richard Pryor whose application was denied by the Planning Commission July 11 after being turned down by the Subdivision Committee.

Pryor proposed to subdivide the 473-acre property into 210 lots. Seventy lots would be estate sized—from one to 30 acres—with the remainder being used for 140 condominums, 35 for low-income buyers and 105 for people with moderate incomes.

Pryor said his proposal for the property just south of Carmel Valley Road and west of Robinson Canyon Road failed to gain support from the community because Valley residents don't want lower income residents. He originally proposed the subdivision in 1980 but was delayed by a challenge to the Carmel Valley Master Plan which was not approved until 1987.

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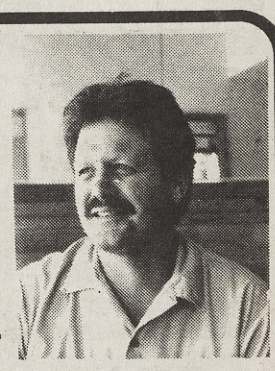
Jeff Watts

Salinas Chamber Sets Month-Long Salute to Farmers

Three public events during September will make up a month-long salute to agriculture by the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce, focusing attention on the importance of the productive, specialized farming in the Salinas Valley.

The observance will begin with a "Taste of the Valley" Mixer on Sept. 6 at the Salinas Community Center. It will offer samples of the wide variety of products grown and produced in the Salinas Valley. The cost is $5 at the door.

The second event is the traditional Ag Day bus tours of the valley, starting at 10 a.m. on Sept. 12 at Toro Park and ending there after 5 p.m. with a barbecue. The cost is $48 for the day, including a box lunch, the evening social activities, the tour and a box of gifts to take home. For information, telephone 424-7611.

The 1990 tours will be the 21st successive time they have been held. Participants can choose from four different tours:

- North County—mushrooms, artichokes, herbs and flower farms.
- Featuring Central Salinas Valley—lettuce harvesting and cooling, vegetable marketing and a seed company.
- Discover Central Salinas—farming practices, vegetable marketing and field stops.
- South County—grape harvest, a winery, tomato packing plant and the San Lorenzo Park and Agriculture Museum.

On Sept. 22, a day-long symposium, jointly sponsored by the area chamber and Hartnell College, will provide an in-depth examination of the issue of food safety. Speakers and panels will look at the use of farm chemicals, growing use of genetically altered plants and alternate farming techniques. The cost is $28 including snacks and luncheon. For information, telephone 755-6800.

In announcing the month-long observance, the Salinas Area Chamber said the gross sale of agricultural products in Monterey County was about $1.2 billion in 1989. "A multiplier of four can be used to show the ripple effects on the overall county economy, which places the total impact at $4.8 billion. Agriculture is the largest and most stable segment of our local economy," the chamber said.

San Juan Bautista Hosts Indian Market Sept. 1-2

The sixth annual All-Indian Market will return to San Juan Bautista Sept. 1 and 2 dedicated to the memory of 300 Lakota Indians who were massacred at Wounded Knee, S. D., 100 years ago.

Organizers said a special prayer service will be dedicated to the victims of that massacre, including Chief Big Foot.

The market will last from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and feature award-winning American Indian artists, drummers and singers, dancers and fashions. Traditional Indian food will be available for sale.

County Flood Control Names Mills Conservation Manager

Theodore Mills, an eight-year veteran of the County Flood Control District, has been named conservation manager with responsibility for promoting water savings by both agriculture and urban areas.

The appointment of Mills, whose last job was water quality specialist, was announced by Bill Hurst, general manager. Mils, a native of Salinas, received a Bachelor's Degree in environmental economics from Cal State at Sacramento in 1982.

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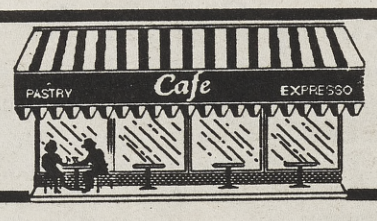

Fresh Cream

This popular restaurant at Heritage Harbor in Monterey seems to draw a mixture of locals and tourists. Though it occupies the second-story of a building overlooking Monterey Bay, no windows actually view the water so your vision turns inward to the pleasant main dining room with its cathedral ceilings and paintings of local scenes.

The winner of numerous awards and magazine polls, Fresh Cream offers a French cuisine that seems almost passe in these days of emphasis on light food. Apparently, there are many Francophiles around for the restaurant is busy.

Service is attentive, yet never intrusive. Once your wine order is taken, you are served miniature tarts—wonderful buttery pastry—filled with little dabs of cream cheese and topped with the merest hint of caviar and red onion, just a bite but a nice welcome.

On a recent visit, I thought the house smoked salmon starter was tender and tasty. It was presented with a sour cream sauceof roasted garlic, accompanied by thin slices of honeydew melon, and three triangles of barely toasted bread. My Friend did not care for his pallid seafood sausage starter, disliking the consistency and rich lobster-flavored sauce.

One one visit, we tried the salad—which comes with the entree—with house dressing and found it far too sweet. The dressing is made with honey and tarragon, a sweet herb. Somehow an overly sweet taste turns off, instead of piquing, the taste buds. Another time, we switched to the salad with balsamic vinegar dressing, walnut oil and bits of chopped walnuts and crumbled goat cheese and thought it the highlight of the evening. I must report, however, that our well-informed waiter said some patrons liked the sweet dressing so well, "they wish we would *bottle it.*"

The full rack of lamb is served pink with mustard, herbs and garlic, nicely flavored, nicely cooked. Two friends were not so pleased with their grilled filet mignon, finding the meat overly aged and served in an overpowering brandy sauce.

FRESH CREAM is on the second floor of a building at Heritage Harbor, Monterey. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

The sauces, of course, are the signature of classic French cuisine and if you don't like them, you would be advised to ask that they be left off.

My half roast duckling was overcooked and dry and was overwhelmed by an extremely sweet black currant sauce. Another time, I had beautifully sauted petrale sole, an outstanding fish, that would have been far better without the pool of melted brown butter on the plate.

My Friend ordered the fresh grilled swordfish, another perfectly cooked fish, again served on an overly rich sauce made with cream and red bell pepper butter. The delicate endive leaf full of fresh salsa would have been sufficient accompaniment.

Each entree is served with a side plate of vegetables. Tiny deep-fried puffballs of potatoes are enchantingly presented in crispy little potato baskets, accompanied by sauted Chinese pea pods, miniature carrots and little onion custards, innovative and good.

The Tarte Tatin, a classic French tart that needs to be ordered ahead, was perfect: slices of apple, heavily sugared and layered on a tender pastry shell, served on a delicate sauce Anglaise. The Grand Marnier souffle, which also must be ordered ahead, did not come off as well, too eggy, the sauce oddly lacking the richness that permeates so many of the entree sauces. The night we ordered it ahead, as requested, it was rushed to the table before the entree plates had even been cleared. Bad planning somewhere.

The bill is presented with a thoughtful thank you of candied strawberries, huge berries dipped in melted sugar syrup like candy apples.

Appetizers are $8; entrees $25-$26; desserts $6.

Fresh Cream: 99 Pacific St., Monterey. 375-9798.

600 Contestants Set For Ranchers' Days

Some 600 contestants from four counties—working cowboys and cowgirls demonstrating their talents and traditions—are expected to compete in Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days at the Trail and Saddle Club in the Village Sept. 8 and 9.

Competition at the two-day event which will benefit Valley charities will include team roping, stockhorse classes, barrel racing, mock calf branding, team penning, a stickhorse race for children and a new event—merchants' ribbon roping. In that competition, a merchant or his surrogate must grab a ribbon from a roped calf's tail and race across the arena to a judge.

The all-around champion of the competition will be decided Sunday afternoon, with the winner again being awarded a new, two-horse trailer. It is provided by local ranchers and businessmen.

A pancake breakfast will get each day underway from 7 to 9 a. m. and barbecue will be available from noon until dark. The barbecue price is $7.50 this year. Admission to the competition is free. Proceeds from the event go to benefit Valley charities.

Last year the first woman champion was crowned when Julie Acevedo Nielsen won the All Around Championship. The 30-year-old Aromas roper won the event's $4,800 two-horse, tandem-wheel trailer and the Top Woman Contestant's Trophy Buckle. Her grandfather, Dario Acevedo, had worked many years on Rancho San Carlos.

Directors of this year's Ranchers' Days are: Tootie Truesdale, president and show chairwoman; Jim McFarland, vice president; Sally Fredricks, secretary; Tim Heston, treasurer; Clem Savolai, publicity, Joe Zanini, barbecue, Tony Ferrasci and Joe Walters, who are in charge of the arena, and Vicki Harber, who is in charge of show publicity.

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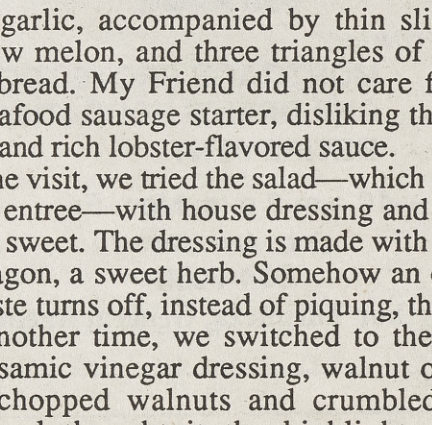

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Thank You, Hank Ketcham

Dennis the Menace and Hank Ketcham stole the day at last weekend's highly successful and fun-filled Carmel Valley Fiesta. It was a treat getting to know this congenial gentleman and watching a part of Carmel Valley's past and present mix and mingle.

"You probably don't remember me," was the most frequent introduction as, throughout the afternoon, one polite individual after another gingerly stepped forward, with shy smiles and polite handshakes to mention who they were and when Hank had known them. Many were Ketcham's former neighbors and friends from Carmel Valley days, several had been classmates of Dennis.

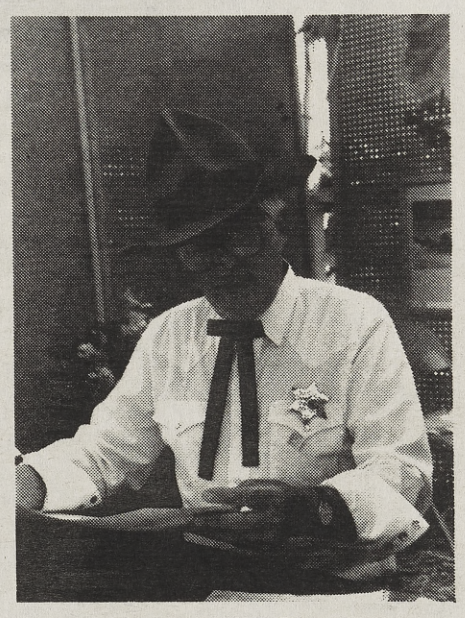
But Hank did remember and seemed genuinely touched at the outpouring of friendship and shared good memories. he was plied with food and drink, most of which he politely refused ("My doctor says I can't eat that anymore") as he kept up the steady stream of poster-signings.

A former schoolteacher appeared with a worn "Dennis the Menace" storybook, obviously from her classroom days, for Hank to autograph. Several others showed up to share comic books from their carefully preserved collections. The older folks kept a respectful distance, watching Hank with a mixture of love and awe at the former Valleyite made famous. The small fry, some of whom know Dennis from television, marched right up with slips of paper and asked Hank to sketch a cartoon on the spot.

Ketcham lived in Carmel Valley from 1954 to 1959, moving here three years after his now-famous cartoon, "Dennis the Menace" first appeared in print in 13 newspapers. By 1955, according to an article in the Aug. 26, 1955 Carmel Valley News, the strip was appearing in 250 U.S. daily newspapers, and over 100 foreign publications. From there, Ketcham's success was straight uphill.

"Dennis of the cartoon stays about four years old," the article states, "but the real Dennis—Hank and Alice Ketcham's son—is now almost nine years old and is not the imp that inspired his Dad's famous strip. Real Dennis has a butch haircut, will be going to a local school next month, and thinks of "Dennis the Menace" as just another cartoon strip."

Before coming to the Valley, Ketcham had a studio in Monterey, with a home in Carmel and a weekend place in Robles del Rio.



HANK KETCHAM

Too many visitors to the Monterey studio, causing a halt in Hank's productivity, was the cited reason for the Valley move. "It looks like Hank is settling permanently in our midst," the article continues, "He says he's even started ranching: got two steers and a couple of horses."

Hank's assistants were Bob Paplow, who helped work on comic strips; Fred Toole who wrote script for the Dennis comic books and handled promotion; and Arch Garner, the sculptor who worked on Monterey's "Dennis the Menace" playground, still on the drawing board in 1955.

At the Carmel Valley Ketcham studio, the daily grind consisted of working on "Dennis" cartoons for the newspapers, usually around the swimming pool or in a cabana converted for studio purposes. Although the Carmel Valley sunshine gave a relaxed appearance to the workplace, the article assured us, "Hank and his staff put in a regular work day just as they would in town."

In addition to the comics, the Ketcham studio also published bimonthly comic books which sold a million copies each, paperpbacks of collected "Dennis" cartoons and also designed novelties such as "Dennis" cocktail napkins, highball glasses and hand puppets.

Hank left the Valley to move to Switzerland in 1959, later returning to the peninsula to settle in Pebble Beach. Dennis is about 46 today, but remains in the memories of Valleyites as that mischievous four-year-old who continues to make children and big folks laugh, the world over.

Proceeds from the "Dennis the Menace" T-shirt sales sold at the Fiesta will go toward the new museum the Carmel Valley History Society is planning on donated property at the Cooper Ranch at Garland Park.

For those who missed out on purchasing a "Dennis" T-shirt, supplies are still available at Rosie's Cracker Barrel. The History Society has permission to place one more order for extras, by the end of the month, so hurry on in if you want one!

History Society A Fiesta Winner

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One organization that was pleased with the results of its participation in the Fiesta was the Carmel Valley History Society. President Stew Clough said the sale of Dennis the Menace T-Shirts, some of them autographed by Dennis' creator, Hank Ketcham, earned $5,776 for the society's building fund.

In addition to the T-shirts, the History Society also sold Dennis posters and held a silent auction to benefit the Kiwanis Club.

"I think most of the vendors who took booths were pleased," McDonald said. "The turnout on Saturday was very good and Sunday was slower, just as it was last year at the Centennial," McDonald said.

He added that if a two-day Fiesta is staged again, one of the things organizers will want to do is plan more special activities for Sunday to try to attract more people the second day.

Ketcham, a former resident of the Valley, contributed his time to signing posters and T-shirts and also served as grand marshal of Saturday's kickoff parade.

After signing autographs for three hours in a tent on the midway at the Community Park, Ketcham got up holding his arm and joked that "I'm going to have to put it in a sling."

McDonald had high praise for both the volunteers who helped put on the celebration and the residents who attended it. "I want to thank everyone who came out for their support. It was great, and people behaved extremely well. As for the volunteers, they were just fantastic."

McDonald said that while organizers would like to see greater attendance on the second day, "we never wanted the Fiesta to be too big. If we had 20,000-30,000 turn out, that would be an imposition on the residents, and we don't want that."

The idea for the Fiesta grew out of the success of the Centennial a year ago marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first post office in Carmel Valley, making the Fiesta a 101th anniversary fete.

One of the highlights of the Fiesta parade was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner at the start of it by Dr. Joe Noto, a retired dentist who was an unsuccessful candidate for the water district board of directors last fall.

When Noto first volunteered to sing, parade chairman Randy Randazzo tried to find someone who had heard him sing before, but was unable to. Finally, Noto sang a few bars over the telephone to Randazzo, who accepted his offer on the spot.

"I'm glad I did," Randazzo said after the parade. "He was really very good, and it was a fitting thing to do."

CVPOA Sets Picnic

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) will hold its annual picnic for members Sept. 30 at Holman Ranch just east of the Villlage. It will be the first time the picnic has been held at Holman Ranch.

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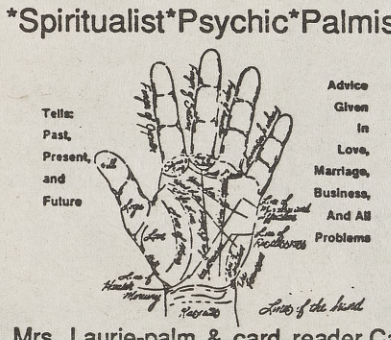

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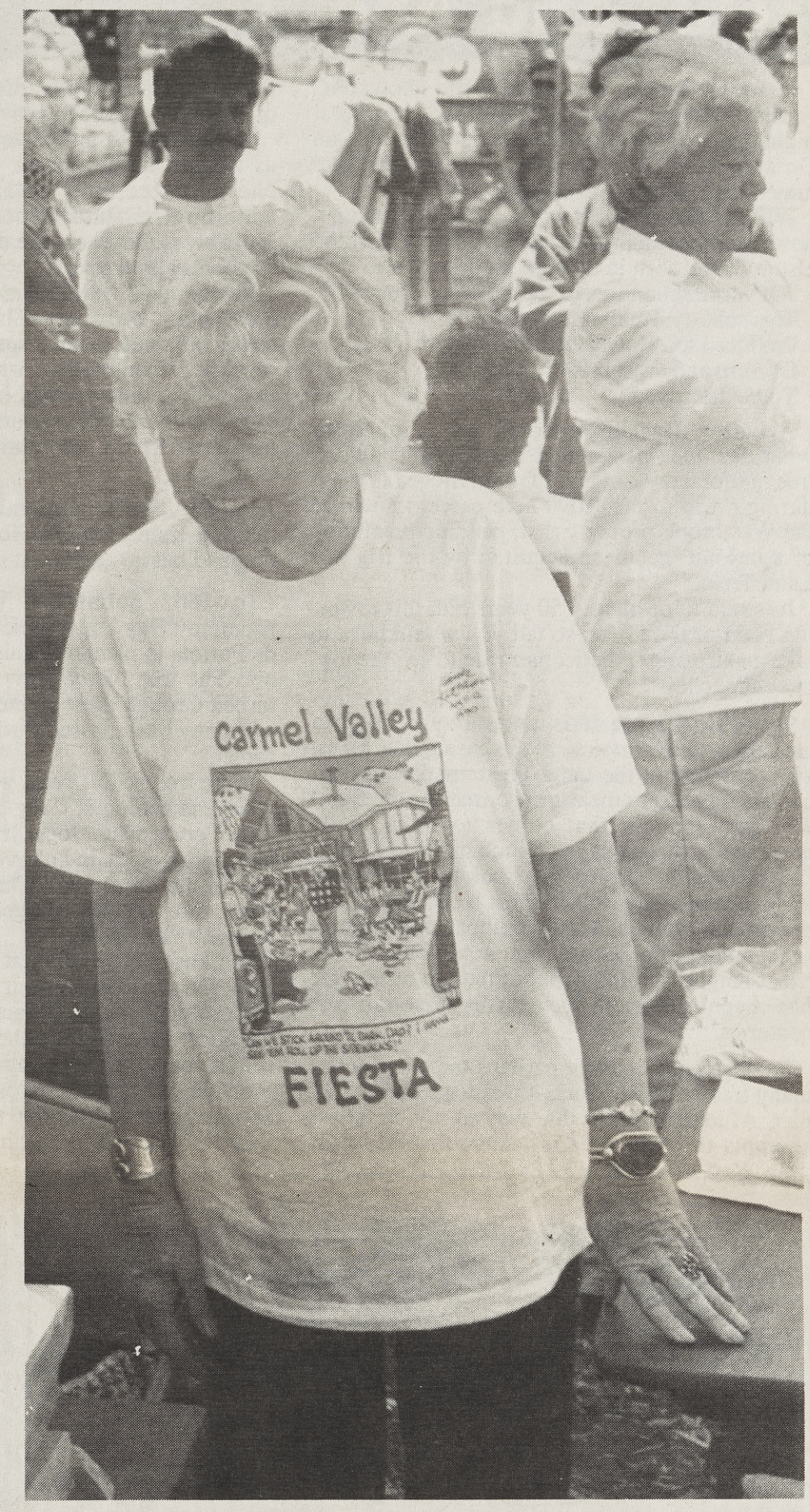
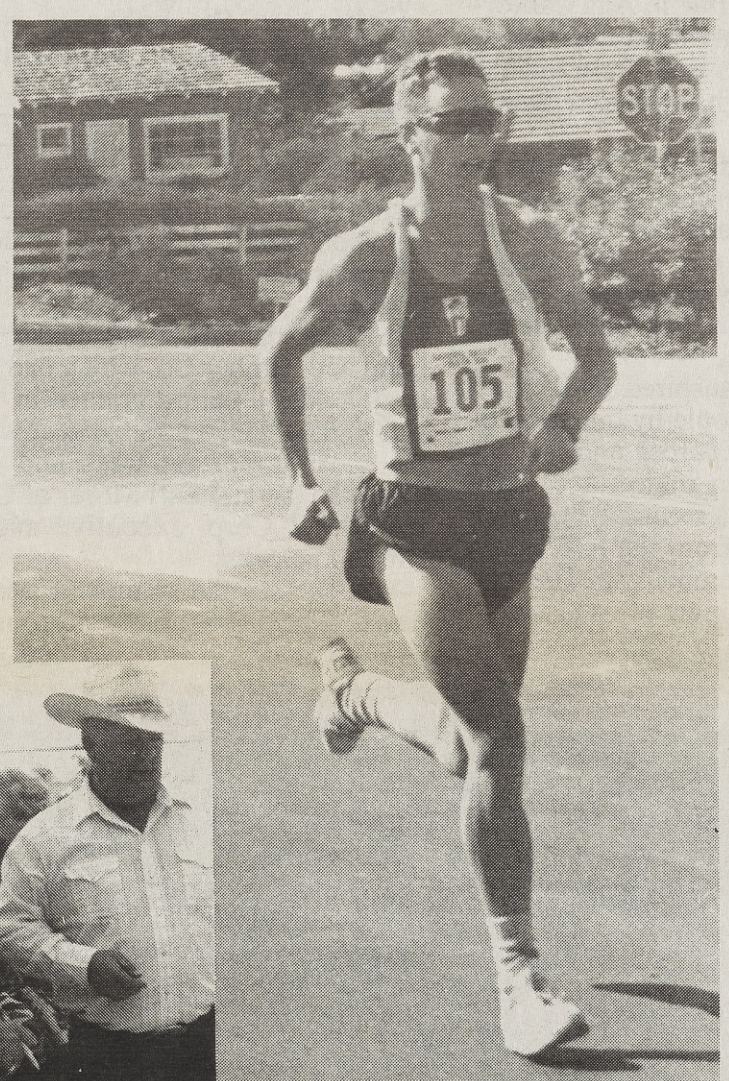
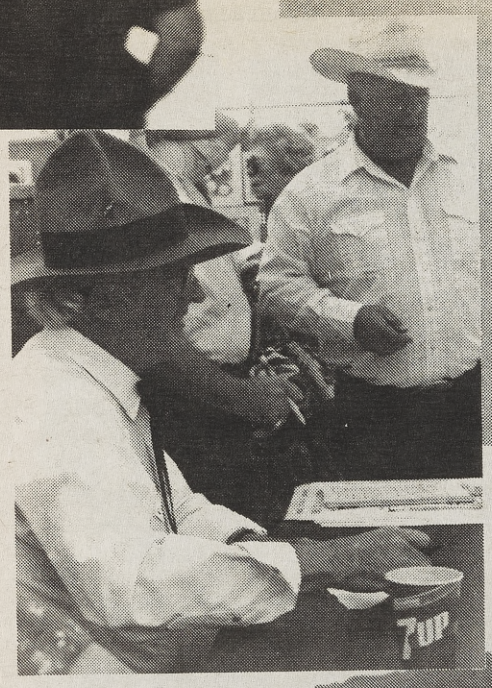
IMAGES FROM THE FIESTA. Clockwise from upper left around the outside of the page: Ann Mills rode in her pony-drawn cart; 170 runners break from the starting line for the 10-K Run; Julie Risdon, a member of the Carmel Valley History Society, sports a Dennis the Menace T-Shirt; "Buzzie" the clown, AKA Robert Basgall, entertains at the parade; Julie Harvey shows off her 1880s gown; spectators line Carmel Valley Road; a team from Fort Ord presents the colors. Inside, from upper left: Classy vintage cars add glitter to the parade; Mark Hunt of Monterey finishes first in the 10-K; Hank Ketcham, creator of Dennis the Menace, served as parade grand marshal and then signed T-Shirts and posters to aid the Fiesta Committee and the History Society building fund. Behind him is Stew Clough, president of the Carmel Valley History Society. *Sun photos by Stan Hall*







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Out and About

By Isabelle Hall

Poets have been moved to write about daffodils, clouds, skylarks, ancient mariners, nightingales, and John Keats even wrote an Ode On a Grecian Urn. Not as many seem to have turned their thoughts to trees.

William Wordsworth wrote as well as anyone, however, about a proud, old yew-tree and all the history it had seen in Scottish battles:

"Of vast circumference and gloom profound
This solitary Tree! a living thing
Produced too slowly ever to decay;
Of form and aspect too magnificent
To be destroyed."

A better description could not be found for what has been designated the largest redwood tree in Monterey County. I felt privileged to see it during a trip to the 1,090 acre parcel known as the Westbrook property that, pending resolution of a lawsuit, has been acquired by the Big Sur Land Trust.

It is said to be about 750 years old, this towering giant of the forest, so tall you would have to take an airplane or helicopter ride to see the topmost branches.

Standing beside it is awesome as its girth measures 49 feet around at the base.(Rod Mills, vice president of the Land Trust, made a special trip on Aug. 20 to measure the tree for the Sun.) The first thought that comes to mind in its presence is the passage of time and the history this tree has lived through. Looking up through its lowest branches which must be 60 feet above the ground, you can barely glimpse the few rays of sun able to penetrate even at high noon. The exact height is not known but the top of the tree has been battered by storms through the centuries.

It occurred to me that perhaps there are not as many tree poems because a tree is so hard to depict. At least I find it that way in my countless attempts to paint trees in watercolor. My husband, however, flatly disagreed and began to quote poetry to me to prove how wrong I was.

"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree," he began, or, "Under the spreading chestnut tree, the village smithy stands..." admitting he flunked poetry. As usual, he is probably right. There are undoubtedly thousands of poems about trees.

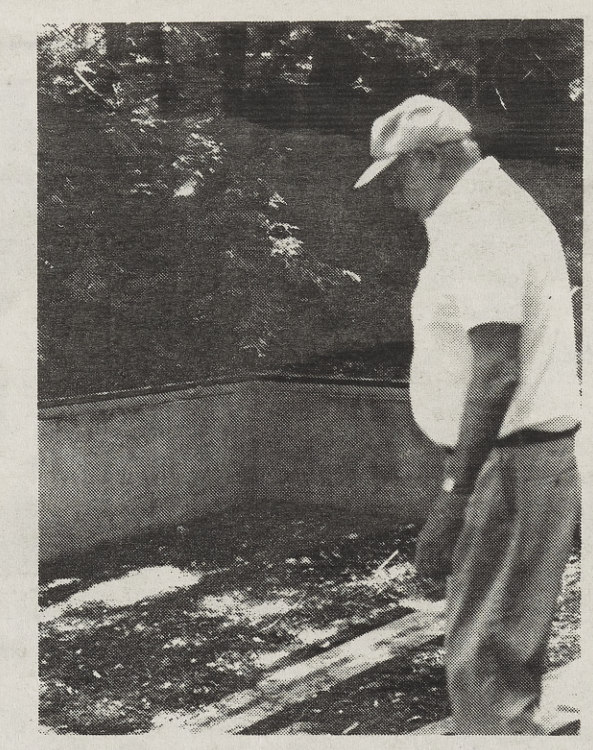
Northern California was peopled with Indians 5,000 years or so ago. This Monterey redwood tree is believed to have sprouted in the mid-14th century. When the tree was about 300 years old in 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo of Spain explored the Pacific waters north of Mexico and inspired Spain to claim Alta, or upper, California.

In 1597, Sir Francis Drake laid claim to land in the San Francisco area for Queen Elizabeth of England but no attempt at settlement was made.

In 1602 Sebastian Vizcaino discovered Monterey Bay but it took until 1769 for Gaspar de Portola to plant a Spanish flag in Alta California. The tree likely grew unnoticed and undisturbed through these centuries apart from Indians who may have passed through the cool redwood forest.

If the tree is 750 years gold, it was sprouted in what archaeologist Gary Breschini says was the Late Period when local Indians had moved into new villages. It is believed one of the villages was in the nearby San Carlos Ranch area. There were five Indian villages at this time on the Monterey Peninsula.

We know little of what transpired until about the 1930's and 40's when people by the name of Field bought a 5,000-acre parcel and built a vacation hideway similar to many in equally remote parts of the country: a stout log house by the side of a stream across from the tree, and a second house halfway up the mountain. The land trust is interested in learning more of its history.



DOUG DESPARD, president of the Big Sur Land Trust, examines the abandoned swimming pool at the former Westbrook property.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Getting to the property is still possible only along a winding, twisting narrow road that climbs about 1,500 feet from Carmel Valley Road so it must have taken a Herculean effort to build that road and the house some 60 years ago. What was once an obviously elaborately tiled swimming pool is now empty except for redwood leaves and twigs but the houses could be restored to liveable condition without much trouble.

In 1978, the ranch was sold to the Westbrook Land and Timber Co. which had plans to log the land. Under a permit granted in 1984, 105 acres was logged but an arrangement was made to save the most important trees and sensitive areas thanks to the late Earl Moser of Carmel Valley, a Mobil Oil Corp. executive and leading local environmentalist.

You can see the stumps of trees that were cut down. They are mostly surrounded by young

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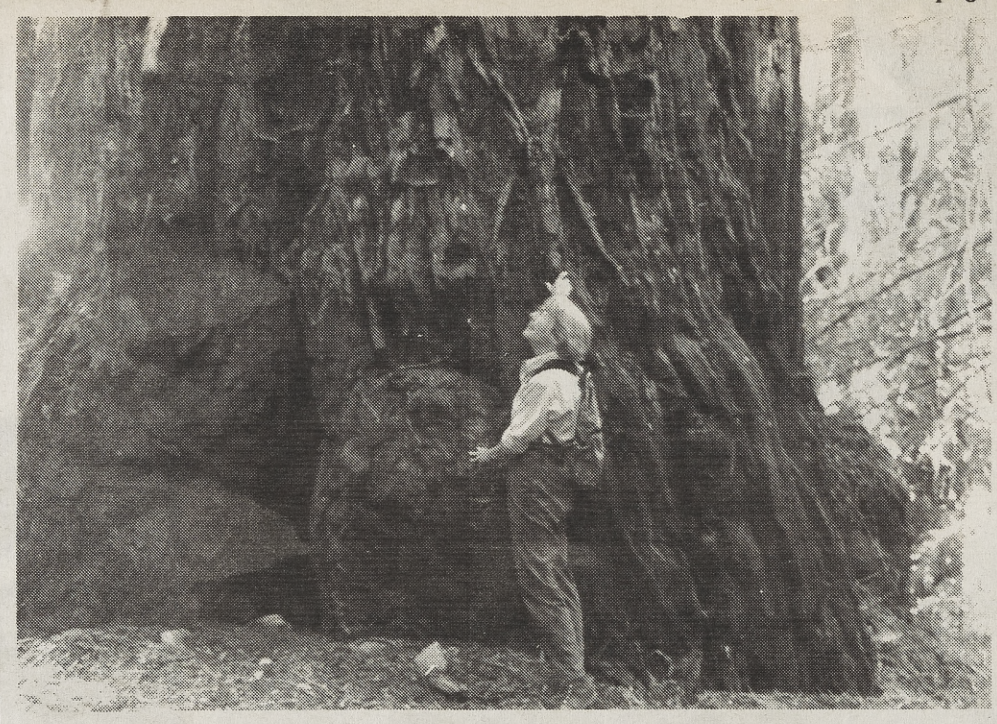

Barbara Rainer, a member of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, measures herself against the largest redwood tree in Monterey County during a Big Sur Land Trust hike.
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Out and About with the Redwoods

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redwood trees that have sprung up to take their place in this primeval forest. A redwood is virtually indestructible, withstanding storms, drought and fire. One of the reasons the former Westbrook property's trees are so important is that the forest lies in a sort of basin behind the ridge where the trees are more sheltered from storms than in most stretches of the rugged California coastline.

In 1988, the Big Sur Land Trust approached Westbrook to try and buy the property and found the owners receptive to the idea. The purchase was funded primarily by Arthur and Harriet Mitteldorf of Pebble Beach along with a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Helen Hobart. Funds from the Earl Moser Conservation Fund will help maintain the property.

A complex transaction negotiated by the land trust's general counsel, Zad Leavy, was concluded last Feb. 1 for $1.35 million, pending the outcome of litigation in which adjacent land owner John Murphy challenged Westbrook's ownership of the property.

Lloyd and Mary Morain, who bought in the 60's negotiated with a trust of the Westbrook Corp. to buy the 5,000-acre parcel with assurances it would not be used for logging. The purchase was transferred to the logging company which, under release clauses in the deed of trust, paid off just one-fifth of the debt and then demanded and took title to the 1,000 acres of land with the redwoods on it. When Westbrook defaulted on the remainder of the contract, Morain foreclosed and sold the remaining 4,000 acres to John Murphy.

Murphy sued claiming fraud on the part of Westbrook. He said he had obtained all the rights to the land that Morain held. The fraud charge was denied in Monterey Superior Court. Both sides appealed and the case is pending before the California Court of Appeals in San Jose. The Big Sur Land Trust bought the land subject to the outcome of the lawsuit.

Meanwhile, Brian Steen, executive director of the trust, has led three hikes over part of the land. The parcel lies to the south and west of the 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos which stretches south above Carmel Valley.

In addition, to the majestic redwoods, there is a madrone grove at the highest point of the ranch where these hardwood trees thrive. The madrones are worth the trip alone. This is a fascinating tree with its ever-peeling red bark flecked with gray-green undergrowth. Jim Vorhes, a Big Sur Land Trust director and a personal friend who had invited us on the hike, told a story of some madrone logs that burned so hot they melted a cast iron stove.

We ate a trail "lunch" in the madrones, bothered only by flies apparently unaccustomed to "sweet-smelling women" as they did not pester the men in our little group. Fran Vorhes, their daughter, Vicki Clack, and I could not stand still for the pesky insects. Jim, a weekly hiker, said it was all in our minds.

We soon piled back in the Blazer—we did not hike that day— for the trip down and found some tired hikers who had taken a wrong turn, including Mrs. Mitteldorf. Later, Jim showed us the dense redwood grove that Mrs. Hobart wanted named for her husband. None of us could think of a lovelier memorial.

The redwood, *Sequoia sempervirens,* is the patriarch of coastal western trees. It seldom grows more than 30 miles inland from the ocean where thick fog swirls the forests in heavy mist. These remarkable trees are able to sustain themselves in drought with just the moisture from fog. It is estimated they can absorb 350 gallons of water a day through their feathery dark green leaves.

The *Sequoia gigantea* which grow in the Sierras are believed to live up to 3,000 years and are bigger. The largest tree in America is said to be the General Sherman, a Sequoia, that measures 36 feet in diamter.

There is a mystical air in a redwood forest. Part of it comes from the growth habit in which the circle left by one fallen tree will be ringed by new trees which, as they grow, form a sort of "faery ring"; part from the soft, rich layers of moss and humus underfoot which hush the sound of footsteps.

According to "The American West" by Ann and Myron Sutton, the tallest tree in the world, is thought to be a specimen redwood on Redwood Creek, north of Eureka, Calif. This tree is calculated to be over 367 feet tall with a basal circumference of 44 feet and a diameter of 14 feet.

The Monterey giant has a long way to go. Coast redwood trees have a lifespan of up to 2,000 years.

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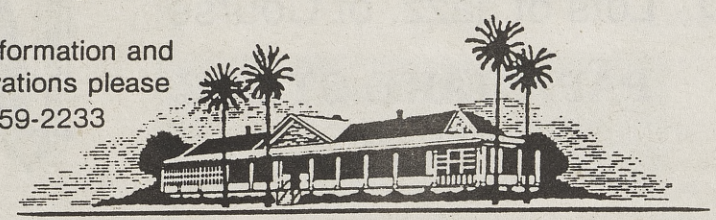

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Coordinator Named at MPC

The Ornamental Horticulture program at Monterey Peninsula College has been so popular the college has hired a full-time coordinator.

Cathy Haas, a graduate of Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, was selected for the post from a field of more than 20 applicants. She has taught ornamental horticulture at Seaside High School and at Hartnell College and is a partner with her husband in the landscape firm, Master Landscapes of Salinas.

"The Ornamental Horticulture Program has grown," said Vince Bradley, Dean of Instruction for Business and Occupational Education. "It has always been staffed by part-time instructors who were working professionals. Now the program needs coordination."

Hass, who will also be an instructor, said, "We want to offer some practical short courses on current topics, and we will develop new semester long courses as well as revise several existing courses."

She said she would like to see the development of short courses that would address water saving landscapes, irrigation troubleshooting, proper pesticide application techniques, and landscaping on a limited budget as well as semester-length courses in floral design, turf and golf course management and drought tolerant landscaping.

Another goal, she said, is to offer pesticide application certification training and continuing education courses for pesticide applicators and advisors.

"We need to develop a greenhouse and outdoor growing area on the MPC campus or close by, where students can obtain the kind of 'hands-on' education that will prepare them to enter the industry or be better home gardeners," Haas explained in a statement.

Native Plants for Your Garden

By Marjorie Schmidt

California Buckeye—A Carmel Valley Native

A striking member of our foothill flora is the California buckeye *(Aesculus Californica)*, which has the unusual adaptation of being summer-deciduous to escape summer drought. Buckeye inhabits dry slopes and canyons below 4,000 feet from Siskiyou to Los Angeles County. Its rounded form, graceful branching pattern, and seasonal interest make it especially attractive to gardeners who wish to repeat elements of the natural landscape.

California buckeye grows as a large shrub or tree, 10 to 20 feet in height. It usually has several main stems clothed in smooth gray bark. The large leaves are palmately divided. As buckeye leaf buds swell and burst in spring, the large bracts open to expose ribbons of satiny green together with copious bright foliage.

CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE *(Aesculus californica)*, drawing from Sudworth's Forest Trees of the Pacific Slope.

All through May the flowers are in bloom—large, terminal clusters of fragrant, pink or white blossoms. The large buckeye fruits—the largest seed of any native California species—are ripe by early autumn. The name buckeye probably is derived from the resemblance of the large, glossy brown seeds to the eye of the buck.

Care in the garden. Buckeye requires good drainage, thrives with deep watering in its early years, but requires no summer water once established. Deep watering about once a month during summer may help keep the leaves green for a few extra weeks. Buckeye grows best in a sunny border or a dry slope. Buckeye is quite amenable to pruning which can enhance its natural growth pattern, or to develop a more open specimen.

Propagation. Propagation is easy; the seed will begin to sprout when placed in contact with moist soil. Plant in large pots or cans, or directly where wanted in a sunny spot. Children will enjoy watching the rapid growth of a buckeye seedling from the enormous seed.

Companions. California buckeye goes dormant in late summer, a factor which must be considered when placing it in the garden. The graceful array of branches exposed during fall and winter can be an attraction, and can be balanced by the use of attractive evergreen shrubs. Some of the following might be good companions: coffeeberry *(Rhamnus californica)*, holly-leaved cherry (Prunus ilicifolia), Catalina cherry (*P. lyonii)*, and Ceanothus 'Gentian Plume' with its rambling habit and gorgeous gentian blue spikes.

Availability. California buckeye is available at many native plant sales offered by botanic gardens and chapters of the California Native Plant Society. Your local nursery can order it as container stock as well.

Marjorie Schmidt, a well-known authority on gardening with native plants, is the author of Growing California Native Plants *(UC Press 1980). For reprints of this article, information on sources of plant material, or on membership in the California Native Plant Society, write to CNPS, 909 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95618: 916-447-CNPS. Locally call 659-2528.*

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TROWEL & HOE

By Mark Eaton

The Drought Tolerant Australians

In my last article the discussion was about what we will do as gardeners after the drought is over. There are obviously no guarantees, but after four straight years of the gardening world's worst nightmare, I have confidence that we will receive a healthy dose of the wet stuff this winter.

As plant enthusiasts who have refused to give in to the water shortage, we have become more industrious in our choice of greenery. Rather than leave a corner of the yard brown and withered looking, gardeners have moved to the center of their palette such varieties as lavenders, rosemaries, rockroses and the like. We are finding that through careful watering techniques, we can integrate drought tolerant California natives into the landscape with the thirstier rhododendrons, fuchsias, and roses.

One group of plants that has attained prominence in California gardens is the drought tolerant species of Australia. We have had available to us for decades a host

Callistemons, or bottlebrush, are useful plants for soil erosion control. *Illustration courtesy The Gardener's Guide to Australian Plants.*

of Australian natives of which we have become quite familiar, and many more are on the way. Recognizable to most are acacias, eucalyptus, Australian and New Zealand tea trees *(Leptospermum)* and red bottlebrush *(Callistemon citrinus)*.

The red bottle brush is just the tip of the iceberg where the genus callistemon is concerned. I have an Australian reference book that lists 16 different bottlebrushes that are grown in Australia. Most of these need little water and will take quite a bit of frost. One particularly attractive variety is a low spreading dwarf known as Callistemon "Little John." It is for full sun, has a creeping/mounding habit with grey/green wavy looking foliage, and attractive, small burgundy colored bottlebrush flowers. The only problem is that it is not yet widely available in the nursery trade, and we often have to wait for several weeks if we run out of stock to be able to purchase new plants.

The melaleucas are another excellent group of Australian shrubs. The most popular so far is *Melaleuca nesophila,* or pink melaleuca. A tree or large shrub that grows quickly to 15-20 feet, it has green, somewhat narrow pointed leaves with mauve flower brushes at the branch ends. It makes an excellent, informal screen or can be sheared into a hedge, an excellent drought tolerant and even deer-proof plant. Australia is home to 140 species of melaleuca and many California growers are introducing some of these varieties. If you don't need one to get 15 feet tall, an excellent type that is new to us is *M. wilsonii* or the violet honey-myrtle that grows to a very manageable four feet tall by four feet wide.

This is an open to fairly dense shrub with short, narrow leaves. Lilac to reddish-pink flowers are produced in clusters of up to three inches long along the older branches mainly during spring. This variety is well worth a try.

Westringia rosemariniformis has been around for a number of years but hasn't received much publicity. As the species name suggests, it has narrow, rosemary-like leaves that are grayish in color with small white flowers in late winter-spring. It looks good planted in the shrub border with lavenders and rosemary.

The grevilleas, members of the protea family, are a huge group of plants of which we have had only a few available in the past.

One of my new favorites is *Grevillea x gaudichaudii,* a fine ground cover with foliage that resembles small reddish oak leaves. Dark red toothbrush-like flower heads are produced mainly in spring. It's not as drought tolerant as many but occasional summer watering will keep it looking healthy. It reaches about a foot in height with a spread of 6-10 feet, and makes a nice bank cover.

Some suggestions on how to learn more about these plants are:

- Visit your local nurseries. We are stocking many of these varieties, and really want our customers to try these instead of say, waxleaf privet. We need your feedback as gardeners to let us know how they grow on the peninsula.
- Visit the U.C. Santa Cruz Arboretum. You will find what is acknowledged to be the finest collection of Australian plants outside of Australia itself.
- Read books. *The Gardener's Guide to Australian Plants* by Gwen Elliot (1985, Hyland House Publishing Pty Ltd.) is a good general reference work.

Our duty as nurserymen and commercial growers is to convince landscapers to use these plants in visible public plantings such as businesses, shopping centers, and public parks. Many customers at the retail nursery level, when shown these plants in the sales yard are hesitant to take them home. Admittedly it is tough to envision what these little one gallon container plants will grow into if you've never seen the plant before.

We know that even if the drought ends, water is going to continue to be a problem on the Monterey Peninsula as well as in most of California. Many of these recent arrivals from Australia are deserving candidates for a spot in your garden.

What's Blooming

Bougainvillea. An evergreen vine with brilliant colors of bract-like flowers ranging from yellow orange to deep purple. Often grown on walls or in containers. Also do well in hanging baskets. Once established do not need much water. Need protection from frost.

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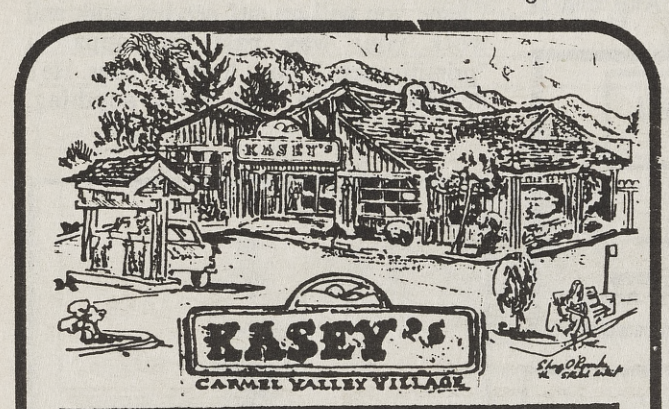

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Brush Strokes *The Art Scene*

Art for Children

By Anita DeCarlo

Bush Gallery is newly arrived in the Barnyard, is small and cozy, is brightly lit, has creaky rafters, and the walls are covered with beautiful original illustrations for children's books. It's a perfect place for the child in you. Some of these illustrations are only that, but beautifully illustrative; some are beautifully artful as well.

N.C. Wyeth lamented that he had had no time for his art, he was so busy creating illustrations. I wonder what would he have done? What artful longings were hiding in his soul? On the other hand, I do find his illustrations to be just as artful as illustrative. Actually so much is, whose primary purpose had been to function (cave drawings, African masks, for two). After the function is finished the art remains.

Ted Lewin is of this genre. His work is art; it happens to illustrate. I even get a feeling of the quality and love of the creative act that I get looking at N.C. Wyeth, definitely the same appreciation and discipline in aesthetics. "Winter Pony" and Young Nick and Jubilee" are rich, light filled pen, ink and wash. "A horse in the Attic" is a watercolor just as life and light filled. "The South African Quirt" is a pencil drawing with the expertise of an old master.

Amazing how much illustration is done in watercolor, particularly watercolor in the style of early English watercolor illustration, using ink line as well as traditional English watercolor. Think of Winslow Homer who was an illustrator before "becoming" an artist. No Homers at Bush Gallery. But in the back room there are some perfectly wonderful blackline and watercolor illustrations by James Stevenson and Paul Galdone. Lynn Munsinger's "Hugh Pine" and James Marshall's "Rapscallion Jones" rely more on the brilliance of color and less on line. And one of my very favorites, "Father Pennyrhymes" illustrated by Wendy Watson. I think I've spent skillions of hours reading that book to my kids over the years, marvelous old nonsense and equivalent illustrations.

H.A. Rey has a style all his own in watercolor and crayon. Anyone who has had children is familiar with George, the mischievous monkey. The illustration here is from "Cecily G. and the Nine Monkeys."

Another distinctive style and ole friend to Moms is Tomie de Paola who uses watercolor ink and tempera. My kids grew up with "The Clown of God." Here, are illustrations from "Friendly Beasts," "Sewing" and "Mary had a Little Lamb."

More familiars: Clement Hurd (for Margaret Wise Brown's books), Peter Parnall, Maurice Sendak, Nonny Hogrogian. The thing about Rey and de Paola and these four is their attraction to children. Why? Like children's own art, there is uncluttered space, simplicity of form, design of color and direct expression. Think about a baby's first books and the simplicity of rendition—for a baby's skill level. Just as each successive age group is a little more skillful and visually perceptive, the successful child's artist must match his art to the age group.

Rummaging in the racks in the back room I came across a couple of woodcuts of Clement Hurd's: "Rhino" and "Stormy Sea." "Rhino" is unmistakably shaped and expressive, a simple black and white woodcut. "Stormy Sea" is still a small child's illustration though much more is happening—the statements are very direct, swirling cuts for the water in blue, each object a simple shape and color—it is bright and mobile and expressive. It is also artful.

A WATERCOLOR by Cyndy Szekeres illustrates a children's book, Long Ago.

Donald Carrick works for the older child. His pen, ink, wash and pencil contain more sophisticated space, more complicated form and detail, more information, more subtle expression and mood: "The Blue Horse and Other Poems" and "Ben and the Porcupine."

Complicated myths and medieval fantasy have all the intricacies of a Maxfield Parish. By the way, he was just an illustrator in his day. Now his work is highly sought after.

Most of the illustrators represented at Bush Gallery, and there are over a hundred, are still living and producing. It is an ongoing thing. Those who've become history and art history are in museums and private collections and probably Japan!

Joseph B. Cole's works on paper in the Asian Gallery at the Monterey Museum of Art are painted (for adults?) in a childlike way. I think a small child would find them appealing: an older child would find them wanting. An older child is excited by his increasing visual perceptions and reveres prowess in rendering it. An educated adult can sort out the aesthetic sophistication of childlike simplicity where applicable. A small child's unselfconscious need for order and uncluttered love for color and design are just about infallible. But an adult makes conscious decisions. And that is fine. If he makes self-conscious decisions it is not, and it is usually obvious. I think Cole made a conscious decision to be unselfconscious.

Working with oil crayons, a little more density and vibrancy than a child's crayons, Cole ignores the adult need for sophistication and joyfully and vigorously presses on rubbing color onto the paper in primitive animal and human shapes. Most of the figures indicate a lack of understanding of volume and space, much as those of a five-to-seven-year-old. The child doesn't know it's missing: Dr. Cole doesn't care. It's a conscious decision that it isn't necessary. Sometimes he chooses to suggest space by positioning of the figures and atmospheric handling of the edges and even foreshortening. What is most effectively childlike, as well as the pictures themselves, is the evident energy, joy, spontaneity, the physical presence of the act of creating so that these works do not have the affected appearance of child art that most adults seeking to emulate child art have.

Paul Klee is the most renowned adult who sought and succeeded at child design. His work is very sophisticated. Grandma Moses didn't pretend or seek to emulate, she simply did what was apparent to her, and having not lost her "original" need for order, color and design, produced her primitives (read childlike or unsophisticated).

Where is Cole in this scheme of things? I hope you will go and see his work and work your way past this apparent "primitiveness." Don't look for titles. He's decided not to call them anything.

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ART HAPPENINGS

The Village Gallery in Carmel Valley Village has a three-part exhibit through September featuring sculptor Mark Andrew, photographer Kathleen Olson and photographer-owner William Giles. The Village Guild will hold its next meeting of The Circle of Light group at the gallery Aug. 29. 659-0418.

The Central Coast Art Association will sponsor an oil demonstration by Martin Weekly, Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Carmel's Sunset Center.

"Heaven," a group exhibit of 14 artists exploring artistic interpretations of paradise opens Sept. 8 at the Cherry Foundation, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel.

The Henry Miller Memorial Library is featuring Laurent Davidson's monotypes of the Big Sur Coast through Sept. 15, Highway One, Big Sur. 667-2574.

A group show, "Shorelines of Monterey County," is open through Sept. 16, 1-5 p.m. daily, at the Photographic Center in Carmel depicting the work of photographers who participated in the center's competition to offer a vision of the Monterey County shoreline. 625-5181.

The Ledbetter Gallery featuring paintings of Emy Ledbetter opens Aug. 25 with a 4-7 p.m. reception, the Bonnymead Court, Carmel. **626-9252.**

The Carmel Valley Manor's September exhibit will open with a reception Sept. 1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. for San Francisco mixed media artist Shirley Oaks. 9-5 daily. 8545 Carmel Valley Road.

The Pacific Grove Art Center will hold a reception, 7-9 p.m., Aug. 24 for a group of exhibits featured through Sept. 28. They include ceramicist Tony Marsh, pastel artist Chris Tedesco, photographers, Kim Weston, Will Wallace and Joe Mariscal and tenants of the 18 studios at the center with a variety of work.

A photographic exhibition, "Coral Reefs Beneath the Surface," opens at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Aug. 25 with a 7-9 p.m. reception. The show of photographs by Lovell and Libby Langstroth runs through Oct. 14.

Museum on Wheels Needs Volunteers

The Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art is looking for volunteers to work with its Museum on Wheels multi-cultural outreach program.

The museum travels to elementary schools in four counties with a 50-country collection of international folk art. Volunteers are needed to travel to school sites with staff two days a month and attend monthly training meetings.

Persons interested should call 373-2061 before Sept. 7 to schedule an interview. An orientation and training meeting will be held Sept. 18.

Sam Colburn Exhibits at Carmel Art Association

Sam Colburn, an honorary life member of the Carmel Art Association, will open an exhibit of watercolors there Sept. 8 with a 6-8 p.m. reception.

The 81-year-old artist's show, titled "Wave Length," runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 3. He was accepted for membership in the association in 1940, has given private instruction for many years and currently teaches a class through the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

Primarily a self-taught artist, Colburn was born in Denver, Colo., and moved to Carmel in 1937.

Events

SILENT AUCTION OF PARISH ARTISTS' WORKS, 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Carmel. Proceeds to purchase staple food for needy peninsula and Salinas Valley families.

GREEK FESTIVAL, featuring crafts, pastry, food and wine, Sept 1, 2 and 3, Customs House Plaza, Monterey, sponsored by St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church. Free admission.

EL MARIACHI MIXTLAN, final Sunday afternoon Concert, 2 p. m., Sunday, Aug. 26, Forest Theater, Carmel. Free.

MONTEREY BAY OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP & CLAMBAKE, Aug. 24-26 to benefit local charities. Golf Aug. 24 at Links at Spanish Bay, Aug. 25 and 26 at Del Monte Golf Course. Awards dinner and silent auction, 6 p.m., Aug. 26 Monterey Plaza Hotel. $250. 394-6020 or 655-0107.

AUDITIONS for "Deathtrap," Ira Levin comic thriller, 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25 and 26, Monterey Peninsula College Theater, Monterey.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE, Stephen Sondheim's musical, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 23 through Sept. 9, Main State Theater, Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey. $12, $9 and $6. 646-5561 or 646-4213.

GLASNOST AT ITS BEST: THE SOVIET SPACE PROGRAM REVEALED, a free lecture and slides by Dr. Rudy Panholzer, chairman of the space systems academic group at the Naval Postgraduate School, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, Monterey Peninsula College. Sponsored by MPC and Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy.

BAREFOOT SURFIN' SAFARI FOOD FAIRE, 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, The Village. Admission free.

AIR NEW ZEALAND ACCORDION ORCHESTRA, 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, Sunset Theater, Carmel. Free. 624-3996.

MARY ELIZABETH KORSTAD will sign her book, "Onc to Follow: a Tale of Two Women," 4-6 p.m. Thunderbird Bookstore, the Barnyard Carmel. 624-1803.

CORAL REEFS BENEATH THE SURFACE, opening reception for underwater photographers Lovell and Libby Langstroth, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Free.

BARGAIN HUNT SALE, 11-6 and 10-3, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 23 and 24, St. John's Chapel Parish House, Monterey, with proceeds to benefit local charities and the church's outreach program.

CARMEL JAIL AND BAIL, a two-day fundraiser to benefit the March of Dimes, 10-3, Sept. 5 and 6. Requests for arrests 373-8482.

SPCA WORKSHOP, Flea and Tick Control, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28, SPCA George Whittell Education Center, Highway 68. Free to SPCA members, $2 to non-members.

THE MONTEREY COMMUNITY BAND will resume its fall rehersals Sept. 10. Musicians interested in joining the all-volunteer group, call 646-3866.

GUITARIST DAVID RICHTER will present a recital at 3 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Monterey Peninsula College Music Hall. Admission is $7. 646-4051.

THE SPCA will hold a Gourmet Vegetarian Cooking seminar Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-12 noon. $5 for SPCA members, $10 for non-members. Reservations reauired. 373-2631.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Carmel will begin its Pentecost Session Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. with a lecture by Pat McDermott, MFCC, on "Parenting: A Way of Embracing Self-Esteem."9th & Dolores. 625-0944.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of the Monterey Peninsula celebrate Local Emphasis Day, 9:30 a.m., Sept. 7, Monterey Peninsula Community Church, Carmel Valley Road.

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Valley Service Center Upheld

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amounts to a full-blown EIR based on expert studies of all potential environmental impacts. If this were true the legislature would not have provided in CEQA for negative declarations."

In the two-year-old case, opponents of Parham's plan to build a service center on 1.7 acres just off Carmel Valley Road near Community Park and Tularcitos School claimed the County's studies of potential impacts were inadequate to support its finding of a negative declaration for the project. They cited drainage, runoff, air quality, odor, noise, surface and ground waters and especially traffic.

Under CEQA, a negative declaration is a finding that there are no significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated. Without such a declaration, an EIR must be completed for the project to be approved.

Opponents claimed the county should have ordered an EIR for Parham's project, especially on its potential impact on traffic on Carmel Valley Road because of a previous Superior Court decision that settled a long-standing dispute over the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

But the appeals court rejected all the opponents' arguments, at one point declaring "Public controversy unsupported by substantial evidence of environmental effects does not require an environmental impact report."

Parham, owner of Peninsula Septic Tank Service, said if no further legal challenges are raised, he expected to have the center open by February for use by eight to 20 contractors and tradesmen. His plan calls for construction of workshops and storage in 15,500 square feet of metal buildings containing 32 bays.

Parham, who estimated he had invested some $30,000 in legal fees since winning approval for his project from the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, told the *Sun* he felt those opposing the center were mainly "opportunists trying to make a name for themselves" by bringing what they hoped would be a test case.

Tony Lombardo, Parham's lawyer, said he felt the decision was precedent setting. "I predict it will become a frequently quoted ruling throughout the state," Lombardo told the *Sun*.

He added that he had two pending cases that could be affected by the ruling, including his defense of a challenge brought against the County's approval of an enlarged airstrip for the Valley's Rana Creek Ranch.

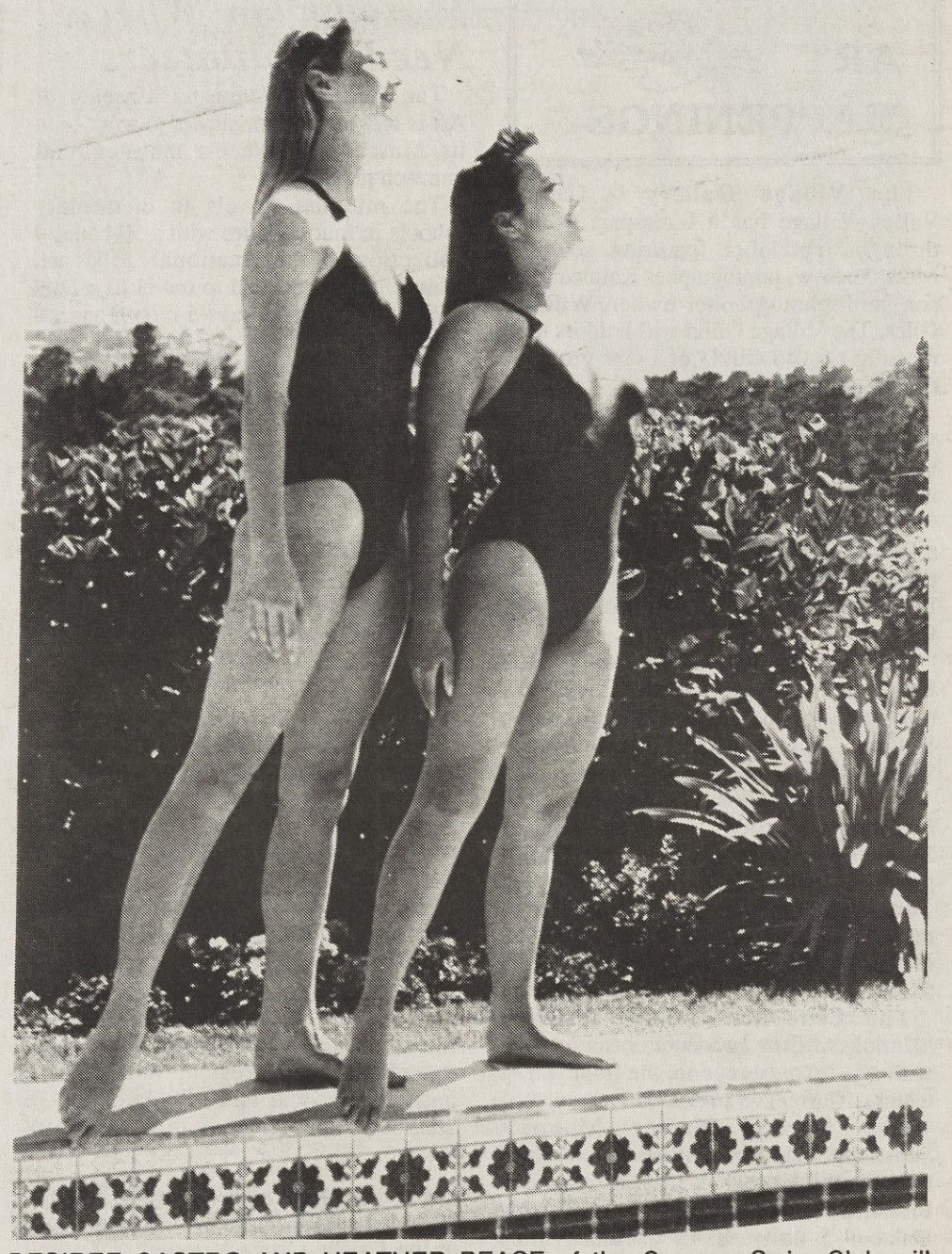
Parham said that some contractors will use more than one space and that he will not have room for all the contractors in the Valley who might want to relocate to the center.

On the issue of increased traffic, the appeals court noted Parham's testimony before the Planning Commission that all the contractors interested in leasing space from him operated within a mile of the center with the exception of one person from near Mid Valley and that it would not bring in additional business or traffic from elsewhere.

"...In reading the record, (it appears) that the objectors are compelled to distort County's analysis of the project to contradict County's conclusions," the ruling said. "The prediction of 740 vehicle trips per day was simply an error. The recommendation of turning limits was merely an unsubstantiated opinion. Public Works found no sight distance problem."

Parham told the *Sun* that in approving the project, the County imposed 24 conditions. All of those are essentially completed, he said, with the exception of getting approval for a sign, and approval of final landscaping, lighting and parking plans.

Richard Rosenthal, an attorney for opponents of the center, was not available for comment on the case. An appeal to the state Supreme Court is possible, but it was not known whether opponents would consider taking the case further.



DESIREE CASTRO AND HEATHER PEASE of the Cypress Swim Club will compete in Moscow in October. The club needs financial help for the trip.

Photo courtesy Don Squire.

Transportation Money Needed

Swimmers Compete in Moscow

Desiree Castro and Heather Pease of the Cypress Swim Club have been selected to represent the United States at the junior international synchronized swimming championships in Moscow in October.

Coach Donn Squire said the Cypress Swim Club urgently needs funds to pay for transportation to the Moscow event. He said it is seeking commercial sponsorships, individual contributions and help from local service clubs.

The cost to send the two swimmers, Squire and coach Don Neel and Dawn Bean, former president of United States Synchronized Swimming, will be about $7,500. Bean will serve as the official judge for the United States.

The Soviets invited each country to send two soloists and one duet. Castro and Pease will each compete in the solo events and then swim together in the duet.

This will mark the first international competition for the young swimmers. Squire said it also will mark another step toward their goal of competing in the 1996 Olympic games, which likely will be held in Athens to mark the centennial year of the modern Olympiad.

Known as the Rezerv or Reserve, the competition will be held at the Moscow Sports Complex, Olympiysky from Oct. 25 to 30. Participation is limited to those born in 1973 or afterward.

Castro and Pease competed their U. S. competitive season early in August in Largo, Fla., at the AAU National Junior Olympic Games. In that meet, Pease successfully defended her 13-14 age group solo title as well as winning the figures competition in every age group up through 17-18. Castro placed seventh in the 15-16 figures. Both girls have qualified for the 1991 U. S. National Team Trials which will determine which athletes represent the United States in 1991.

Julie Korper joined Castro and Pease to win silver medals in trio competition in the 15-16 age group.

Noting that the Cypress Swim Club is non-profit, Squire said all contributions are tax deductible. "Financial support from the community-at-large will be genuinely appreciated...," Squire said.

Hunt, Lovez Win Tough 10-K Run

Mark Hunt of Monterey won the Carmel Valley Fiesta 10-K Run Aug. 12 as some 170 runners challenged a tough course.

His time was 35:13, indicative of a race that was about two minutes slower than normal for the best runners. Ramona Lovez of Salinas was the top woman runner, finishing in 41:11.

Scott Fenton, race director, said times were slower than other area 10-Ks because some of it was run on trails where the footing was not as good and crossing the Carmel River was tricky.

"The final hill—the last mile—that was a real killer, too," Fenton said.

Some of the runners also said the heat was an obstacle, suggesting that if the race is run again next year, it probably should start before 9 a.m.

The race was sponsored by Rancho San Carlos, Holman Ranch, Los Laureles Lodge and Stonepine Inn. About 10 members of the Clean and Sober Motorcycle Club served as monitors and road guards for the competition.

Age Division winners included:

14 and Under—Tyson Altenberg of Pacific Grove, 55:28.

15-19—Janet Roller of Los Altos, 42:46, and Cody West of Carmel, 43:59.

20-29—Kristen Lyders of Carmel Valley, 43:29, and Philip Hayes of Monterey, 37:57.

30-39—Michelle Brimsmead of Carmel Valley, 45:00, and Tony Ramirez of King City, 35:58.

40-49—Judith Hooper of Monterey, 53:31, and Bill Sumner of Carmel Valley, 36:42.

50-59—Kathreen Walters, 1:04:56, and John Brazinski of Carmel Valley, 42:05.

Over 60—Robert Chadwick of Pacific Grove, 55:57.

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A Valley Triathlete

Rammel Finishes 10th in Napa "Iron Man"

Although he had just a couple of months to train intensively, Steve Rammel of Carmel Valley Village finished 10th in the Napa Valley Iron Man competition, a gruelling test for triathalon athletes.

In an elapsed time of 10 hours, 02:07 seconds, Rammel swam 2.4 miles, bicycled 112 miles and ran a 26.2 mile marathon.

He is now looking forward to competing in similar races in Sacramento Sept. 9, Santa Cruz Sept. 23 and the National Championships in Las Vegas Oct. 20.

A loan agent for a mortgage broker, Rammel said the job kept him so busy earlier in the year he didn't train as intensively for the Napa Valley event as he would have liked. In that contest, the winner's time was 8:47.

In training for such long races, he said: "You need discipline to force yourself to progress slowly so that you don't injure yourself and you can continue to get stronger."

Raised in the Valley, Rammel , 30, said he is much faster in the triathalon now than when he was younger. "At these longer distances, athletes seem to peak a little older," he said. He noted that Dave Scott from Davis, Calif., who has won six Iron Man championships, is 36.

Rammel said he has been competing in triathalon events since he was 21 and got his first taste of endurance competition when he ran in the San Francisco marathon.

"The better you get, the harder you want to train," he said.

Saying he was "not into team sports," Rammel said he did play football at Carmel High School for a while, but gave it up to study dance when he discovered "all the good-looking girls were in the dance class."

Rammel said he had hoped to compete in an Iron Man contest at Lake Tahoe on Aug. 25 to try to qualify for a prestigious competition in Hawaii, but felt his job would keep him too busy to do the necessary training.

STEVE RAMMEL

People Are Reading

FICTION

A House in the Hamptons...Gloria Nagy
Get Shorty...Elmore Leonard
Stardust(M)...Robert B. Parker
Twins...Roxanne Pulitzer
Rules of the Road...Lucian Truscott
Take the "O"Train (M)...Frank King

NON-FICTION

Slim: Memories of a Rich and Imperfect Life...Slim Keith
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Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton...Edward Rice
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Garbo...Antoni Gronowicz
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The Summer Reading Program Party was held at the library with Sean Folsom presenting a special program of music, performed on his collection of antique folk instruments. Following the program, there was a drawing for T-shirts and posters. Certificates were awarded, and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ruth Bean's collection of sea shells from Sanibel Island in Southwest Florida are the display case. Still Life and Landscape oil paintings by Mary Baugh are also being exhibited.

Library hours are as follows: Tuesday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 2 to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

School Opens to Financial Worries

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For instance, Monterey Unified School District, which has a projected budget of $72 million for this coming school year would pay $310,000 in charges to the County under Maddy's bill. Carmel with a projected budget of $12. 5 million would pay $184,000. In King City, the charges to the school district would add up to only $21,500.

Skillicorn explained that the charges that could be levied against school and special districts would be based on assessed property tax valuation and amount of tax collected. Thus, the Carmel district would pay the price for being an area with many highly valued properties, he said.

Both the Carmel and Monterey school boards have resolutions on their agendas for upcoming board meetings requesting the county auditor not to collect such fees.

Infelise told the *Sun* that a group of people representing schools, special districts and cities have met to discuss possible legal action against the state if the charges are implemented.

ability. In the past, Infelise has complained that the Proposition 13 restrictions make it especially difficult for the district to pay for long-term capital improvements. He has often cited the age of the district's school bus fleet as evidence of its inability to keep its facilities and equipment up to date.

As usual, the school district and its teachers' union will start the new term needing to arrive at a new labor agreement—they have operated on a series of one-year agreements for the past several years. But because of all the budget uncertainty, Infelise said that teacher contract negotiations probably will not begin until about the middle of September. By then, he said he hopes the district may have a better idea of what monies will be available.

collecting charges would be particularly unfair to smaller school districts such as Carmel. "There is no question about it. They would be hit much harder than some of the larger districts."

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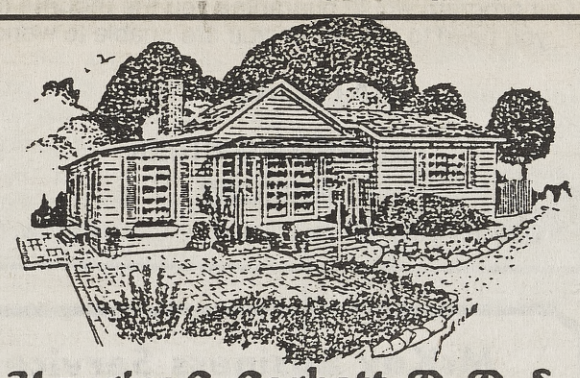

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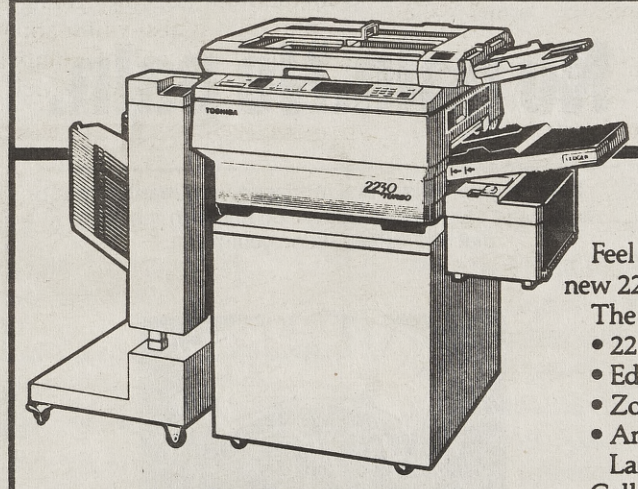

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Real Estate Outlook

Carmel Valley Update

By Gene Erner
Porter Marquard Realty

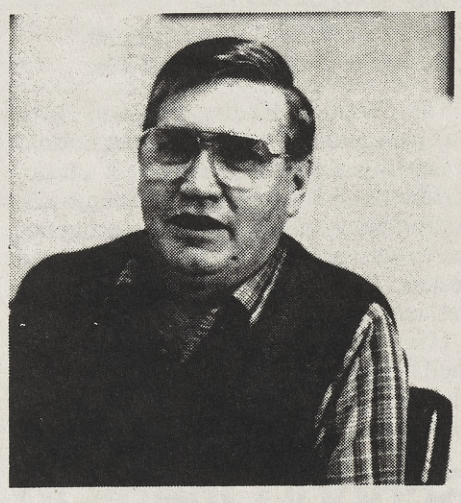
Recently some interesting statistics concerning real estate in Carmel Valley were compiled by the Carmel Board of Realtors, with a data assist from Old California Title Company. These statistics cover the period from Jan. 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990, an 18-month period. As with all statistics, they must be used carefully when drawing conclusions.

Carmel Valley, for real estate purposes, is broken down into a number of smaller, neighborhood areas. These areas are generally selected for similarity of value and size of homes and similarity of lot sizes to provide comparisons when determining market values. There are exceptions, but they are not important for our purposes today.

The greatest dollar volume of sales was in the area comprised of Garzas-Boronda-Rancho Roads then along the north side of the Valley, excluding the Village, through Los Tulares. This volume was $16.4 million. Another high neighborhood was Tierra Grande and surrounding streets at $13.1 million. The lowest volume was the Cachagua area at $3.2 million, which would not be surprising except that Sleepy Hollow, a subdivision of expensive properties, is included.

The average price of a home in Carmel Valley was $388,000. This would appear to be down a little from a few months ago; however, I believe it reflects the longer term of 18 months during which the overall trend is upward.

Highest average sales price by area within the Valley was in the Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club at $539,000. Other high average areas were Miramonte/La Rancheria at $471,000 and Carmel Knolls/Carmel Views at $456,000. Lowest average sales price was in the Robles del Rio area where $254,000 was achieved.



GENE ERNER

Slowest sales were in the Cachagua region where an average of 208 days on the market was required and, as one might assume, 71 percent of the listings expired before selling. Some of these came back on the market and sold, so this statistic is more important in conjunction with market time as a further indicator of slower sales. Shortest marketing time was in Robles del Rio at 102 days. The expiration rate was also much lower here at 27 percent. Of course this is an average. Market times fluctuated considerably over the 18-month period as the market heated up or cooled off.

So what conclusions can we draw from these statistics? I believe two would be that Carmel Valley is a good place to own property, but the cost of acquiring it continues to increase. Also, that there is virtually no moderate income housing in the Valley, nor is there likely to be without major subsidy or significant changes in zoning regulations, particularly those relating to density. In this correspondent's opinion, neither of these will happen soon. On a more positive note, those who have owned property in the Valley for several years or more, can consider that their equity has increased considerably.

Chartwell School Drops Plans To Buy Sierra Instruments

Trustees of Chartwell School have dropped plans to buy the Sierra Instruments office and move the school specializing in educating dyslexic children to the Village from Seaside.

Dr. James Flippen, president of the trustees, told the *Sun* that the school changed its plans after its Seaside landlord, which had told Chartwell it must move, decided it could stay and signed a new three-year lease.

Originally, the school said it planned to buy the Sierra Instruments building on Pilot Road for $350,000 and spend a similar amount to remodel it. Flippen said "it would have taken a big fund raising effort to carry through on that."

Flippen first disclosed the change in plans in a July 31 letter to parents of Chartwell students. The children suffer from an inherited neurological condition which causes them to have difficulty dealing with language—reading, writing and spelling. In his letter, he said the decision to stay in Seaside was in the best interests of both the school and its students.

Flippen, a retired pediatric cardiologist who lives in the Village, also said Chartwell had difficulty finding a place to serve as a playground for its students at the Sierra Instruments building. He said the school originally thought it could share the Tularcitos School playground across the street, but that didn't work out.

A day school, Chartwell usually has close to 50 students, ranging in age from 7 to 14. They come mainly from Central Coast counties. The staff is made up of seven specially trained teachers and four administrators.

The Sierra Instruments office has been vacant since Dec. 1 when the company moved to Ryan Ranch, near Monterey Peninsula Airport, to expand and consolidate its operations in one location.

Kim Bowersox of J. Mahoney Realty told the *Sun* that the 3,400 square foot building was back on the market, listed at $400,000.

Lynn Trainor, development director at the school, said the decision to stay in Seaside came after the school did a feasibility study and conferred with a consultant from San Francisco.

Flippen acknowledged that Chartwell acted very quickly in deciding to buy in the Village and move, but he explained "we were under the gun" thinking a new location had to be found immediately.

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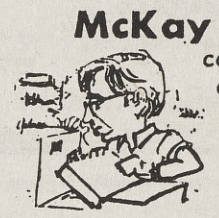
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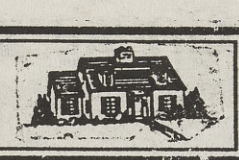

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from August 1 to August 13. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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3593 EASTFIELD COURT. Ernest Nowell to June and J. Warren Knapp. $445,000.

7026 VALLEY GREENS CIRCLE #13. Stephenie J. Ward to Florence B. and Karl Von Platen, Jr. $400,000.

DEL MESA CARMEL. Lucille Kiester to Augusta Fink. $150,000.

DEL MESA CARMEL. Augusta Fink to G. Stanley Williamson. $290,000.

ROBINSON CANYON. Rancho Carmel to Larry Shell. $65,500.

ROBINSON CANYON. Larry Shell to Joan K. Pryor $65,500.

25687 CANADA DRIVE. Jean M. Berryhill to Michael Kastros and Carlos Maraver. $330,000.

11700 ESCONDITO ROAD. D. E. and Sanaye Evenson to John Duval. $400,000.

8063 LAKE PLACE. Anthony V. and Chaterine L. Giammanco to Herma Smith Curtis. $529,000.

HACIENDA CARMEL. McGregor and Carlyle Gray to Steve L. Ziff and Robert Emmett and Janice Emmett. $84,500.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

250 ESQUILINE ROAD. Doug Stevens to Steven L. Ziffan and Robert and Janice Emmett. $191,500.

75 SOUTHBANK. Matthew S. and Dawn R. Bowe to Michael and Cindy L. Thacher. $210,000.

290 EL CAMINITO ROAD. Christopher J. Winfield and Andrea L. Johnson to Scott and Vica Clinton. $500,000.

56 RANCHO ROAD. Kit Parker to Cal Peninsula Exchange, Inc. $450,000.

250 EL CAMINITO ROAD. Francis P. Lloyd and Virgil Erickson to Vickie Patterson. $400,000.

77 SOUTHBANK ROAD. John O. and Leslie D. Fritz to Stephen D. and Pamela L. Austin. $206,000.

74 PASO HONDO. Ian and Elaine Graham to Kevin J. Dummer and Nicole E. Nedeff. $235,000.

26 ENCINA DRIVE. John C. Lovelady to Jean Kelley. $635,000.

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MISSION STREET. Mary Louise Linhart to Joan A. Cloughesy. $290,000.

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26504 MISSION FIELDS ROAD. Terry L. and Doreen A. McGowan to Austin M. and Fern W. Porter. $302,500.

26325 OCEAN VIEW AVENUE. Gary Knute Lothe to C. J. Bennett. $549,000.

TORRES AND FIRST. Katerine A. Shideler to Pamela C. Antonioli. $330,000.

FRANCISCAN WAY. William L. and Joan M. Mack to Peter P. Filice. $775,000.

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176 MAL PASO ROAD. James A. and Patsy J. Yates to Carmel Mal Pasa Associates.

4 YANKEE BEACH WAY. Equity Preservation, Inc. to David F. Richards, Louis Pambianco, and Kenneth H. Marineau.

156 CARMEL RIVIERA DRIVE. Richard M. Nystrom to Susan E. Nilmeirer. $360,000.

Carmel Rental Law Tested in Court

The City of Carmel will contend in Monterey County Superior Court Aug. 23 that it has the right to ban short-term rentals in its residential district.

Trial on the issue is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.in Salinas before Judge Harkjoon Paik who had ordered the city and a group of plaintiffs opposing the law to try and settle out of court. The law banning rentals of 30 days or less was approved by the city council in May, 1989.

Opponents of the law want it amended to permit short term rentals so long as the owner registers with the city and makes himself or his agent available 24 hours a day in case of problems. Violators of the law face fines of up to $500 day.

Meadows 30 percent Slope Hearing Postponed

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complaints of an immediate neighbor was postponed to Sept. 4 because the property had not been staked for an on-site committee review.

An application to build the house was denied a year ago by Highlands/Bixby and the Planning Commission and lost on appeal to the Board of Supervisors because the house was considered too large and bulky for the sensitive coastal site.

Keyzers said he did not want to seek a variance for his revised house plan but did so to accede to complaints by Mrs. Alexandra Morrow, a neighbor to the east. He said his original French Provincial style home had been redesigned to a Mediterranean style which would not be "an infringement on the viewshed. You're not even going to see my house. The only thing I could do more would be to bury it and plant trees on top of it."

When a member of the audience complained that the proposed house "looks too massive and is very bulky," Keyzers retorted, "It's about half the size of Mrs. Morrow's." He said if you stand at Mission Ranch directly north across the Odello artichoke fields from his lot, "All you see is Mrs. Morrow's house. It dominates the viewshed."

Then Keyzers asked committee members if they had approved a house "about 30 feet high" that is being built on the oceanfront on Van Ness in the Highlands. Members said the house was approved some time ago as a "remodel." Secretary Elaine Gloodt said, "everybody and their brother is complaining about that house. There are a lot of mysteries like that."

Asked how big his house was, Keyzers said the main floor had 4,100 square feet and the basement 5,150 feet and that it covered 18 percent of the lot.

Keyzers' plan is to remove 570 cubic yards of fill—about 30 truck-trailer loads worth of dirt—to take the site down to the original natural grade which he said was not a 30 percent slope.

"It was at your request we lowered the profile of the house," he told the committee. "We're grading it down."

Rainer said she thought Keyzers was taking his measurement of the total height of the house—restricted to 18 feet in Carmel Meadows—from the filled land, not the lower original slope which the house would actually be built on once the fill is removed.

The Carmel Meadows Homeowners Association told Keyzers in a letter Aug. 10 it did not approve his design nor his plan to remove soil to reduce the slope.

"The removal of the existing slope, natural or manmade, just for development purposes appears to violate the regulations," wrote chairman Jonathan A. Barker. "In addition, your design proposes a house of approximately 5,100 square feet...a house of this magnitude is not considered to be consistent with the Carmel Land Use Plan and Monterey County's Coastal Implementtation Plan."

When Keyzers protested to the Highlands/Bixby committee about the size of Mrs. Morrow's house, he was told it was built before the Coastal Commission standards were passed and would not be allowed today.

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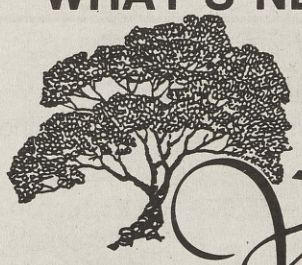

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No-Fee Ambulance Promoted

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together to share a full-time paramedic position to serve the Valley. He explained that neither department had enough emergency medical calls to support one on its own.

But Carmichael added that he was confident that the Board of Supervisors would approve a "dry period" loan to get the JPA started in the region. The loan of about $120,000 is needed for start up costs and projected cash flow shortfalls during the first year of operation.

Under Measure P, Busick said people just driving through the district or visiting it for the day would not have their emergency ambulance service paid. But people staying in lodges or hotels would, because the owners of those establishments would be paying their share toward the benefit assessment through the parcel levy.

Ambulance service in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region traditionally has been provided without charging victims. One of the reasons is that firemen, many of them volunteers, have been trained as EMT and donated their services.

The use of more highly trained paramedics on all emergency ambulances in the County was approved by the voters in 1988 along with a per parcel tax to help pay the higher costs. But those funds do not cover the entire additional cost. As a result a number of agencies which traditionally provided no-fee service have said they will charge victims under a County-set fee schedule.

Bradley Clark, County registrar of voters, said Measure P, if approved, provided for the first taxes to be collected starting in July of 1991. Because of that delay, Busick said the district might have to charge victims during the first year, assuming the proposition is approvedunless some other arrangement could be worked out.

Perkins Appointed to Petrovic Seat

Already considered a prohibitive favorite, Tom Perkins of King City will be running for Dusan Petrovic's third district supervisors' seat as an incumbent on Nov. 6.

He was appointed on Aug. 15 to fill the remaining three months of Petrovic's term by Gov. George Deukmajian. In appointing him, the governor endorsed Perkins' election in November.

Petrovic resigned effective July 31 from the seat he had held for 16 years after being charged with trying to force his affections on a 16-year-old girl.

Petrovic's name still will be on the election ballot, and he has not said whether he will campaign for re-election. In addition, someone could become a write-in candidate by filing with the County by Oct. 23.

Political observers said Perkins, a former King City councilman, should win in a walk. He is 64 and the retired ranger in charge of the California Division of Forestry's San Benito-Monterey unit.

Perkins told the *Sun* that he intended to campaign hard in the November race, despite his apparent long lead.

Petrovic, meantime, was arraigned in Municipal Court in Salinas on the misdemeanor counts. He was not present in court, and his attorney, William Bryan, entered an innocent plea for him.

New Babies

Chelsea Ann, daughter, born to **Estelle and Mark Gooden**, Carmel Valley, June 17.

Gabrielle Nichole, daughter, born to **Lesa and Robert Morris, Jr.,** Pacific Grove, July 5.

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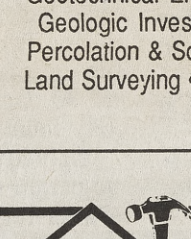

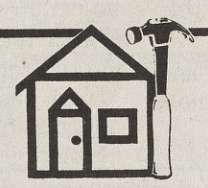

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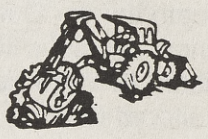

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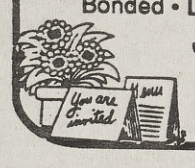

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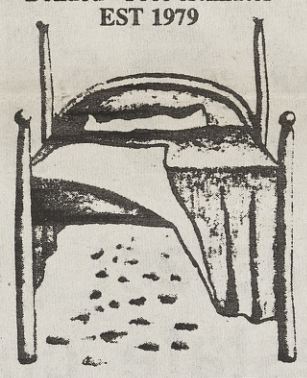
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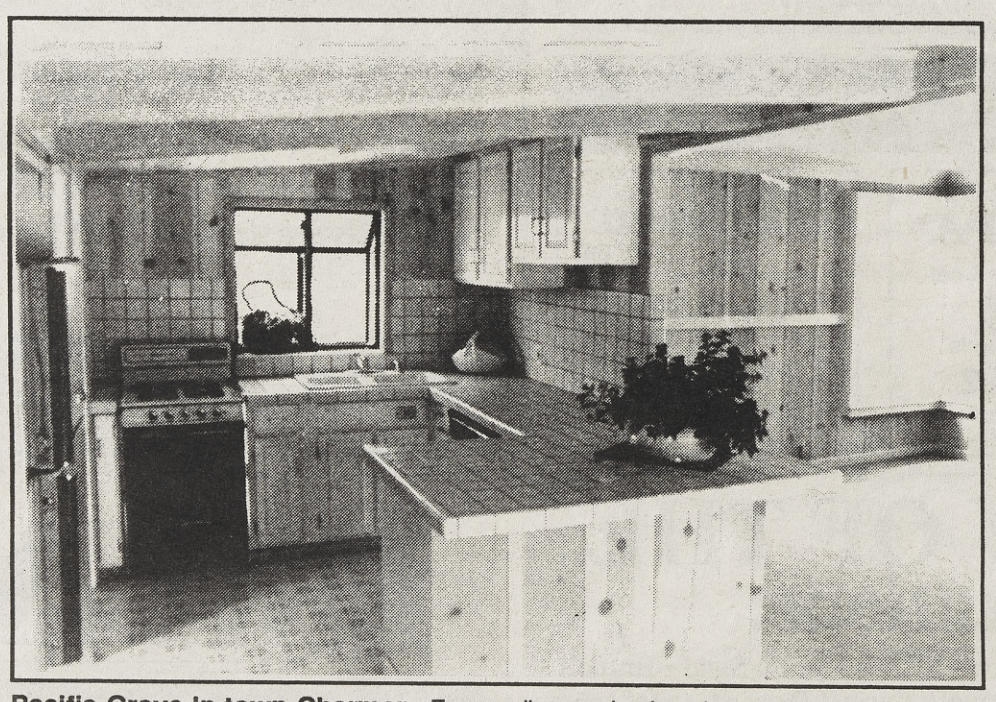

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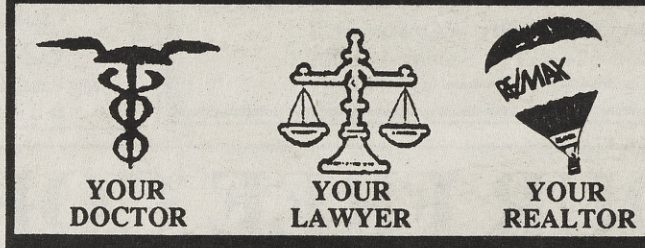

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